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CORRECTION

Correction: In the article "Uphill battle with Union Ridge water," from our Feb. 26 edition, it was incorrectly stated that the state received \$3.75 million for water infrastructure projects. The state actually received \$3.75 billion. We regret the error.



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REGION CHAMPIONS



The Unionville Viqueens celebrate their Region 4-AA Championship win over East Nashville on Wednesday night. See more in Sports, Page 1C.

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

SCHS's Rassoul publishes first book of poetry

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Shelbyville Central High School senior Sajjad Rassoul, 18, just published, "The River Has Eyes: Poetry Collection for Wisdom"—a short poetry book covering deep topics.

Bits of wisdom are important, Sajjad recently said. "At least question something you don't know every day because that's what opens your mind."

It's what he hopes his book will inspire others to do. "When you think about something new today, you want to think about something bigger the next day," he said.

Where does he draw wisdom? "I guess I found it in myself."

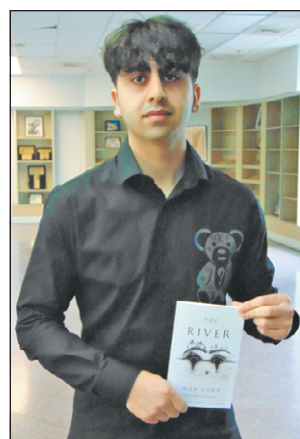
Born in Baghdad, Iraq, Sajjad moved to Nashville with his family in 2010. They moved to Shelbyville 3 years ago. "It's a change... Iraq in that time, it was war," Sajjad said. He visited Iraq once again this year and was even a little surprised to find the same house of his childhood on the corner of his street.

While at SCHS, Sajjad was in the criminal justice program. That plays well into the "deep thinking" of his poetry.

Sajjad said he likes to think about the 'why' of it all.

He's been writing his whole life; his dad is a poet. "But he never taught me anything about poetry. He let me know about it myself."

When he endeavored into the world of rhythm and rhyme, it was writ-



SAJJAD RASSOU

ing he thought others would like to read. That came around the time Sajjad said he found who he "truly is" at the start of last year.

He said he started seeing things different and started asking questions. "I just started questioning things, like why does this or that happen?"

A lot of his poems are about "God, love, and eternity," so Sajjad describes himself as open-minded and unbiased.

Some may find those daunting subjects, but Sajjad said, "When you start questioning things, it's not intimidating. It's more like an open path you want to walk through. And some of the things I write, I don't have answers to."

Inspiration for the title comes from a time when Sajjad happened upon a picture, by an unknown artist, depicting cavernous-looking eyes gazing by the side of a river. "The picture really spoke to me. I came up with the name as soon

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Youth pastor walks away with probation

Charge: aggravated statutory rape

By TERENCE CORRIGAN
Special to the T-G

The former youth pastor at the Beth Sar Shalom Church in Shelbyville pled guilty Feb. 24 to four counts of aggravated statutory rape. Esteban David Carrera Valenzuela, 30, admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with a teenage girl on four occasions in 2020 at the church—the one which his father founded.

The first time he had sex with the girl, March 30, 2020, was 9 days before her 16th birthday. The other occasions in 2020 were June 1, July 20 and Nov. 9.

According to Assistant District Attorney Mike Randles, the girl had come to Valenzuela to "discuss issues."

Valenzuela was arrested on Jan. 28, 2021 and charged with four counts of statutory rape by an authority figure. He was released from jail on a \$100,000 bond awaiting trial.

If he had gone to trial and been convicted on the original charges, he faced 8 to 12 years in prison for each of the four counts, fines up to \$100,000 and he would not have been eligible for probation.



Valenzuela

The plea deal

In the plea deal he took with prosecutors, four counts of aggravated statutory rape, he was sentenced to serve 3 years of probation for each of the four counts but three of the counts will be served concurrently. His effective sentence will be 6 years probation and he will be a registered sex offender.

The crime elements

The elements of the crimes Valenzuela was originally charged with (statutory rape by an authority figure) are:

- The victim is 13-17 years old and the defendant is at least 4 years older than the victim
- The defendant was, at the time of the offense, in a position of trust, or had supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the defendant's legal, professional, or occupational status and used the position of trust or power to accomplish the sexual penetration.

The elements of the charges Valenzuela pled guilty to (Aggravated Statutory Rape) are:

- The unlawful sexual penetration of a victim by the defendant when the victim is 13-17 years old
- The defendant is at least 10 years older than the victim.

City annual audit termed 'best ever'

By DAWN HANKINS
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The City of Shelbyville's 2021 financial audit has demonstrated "no findings," which some City officials, and Winnett Associates auditors, said Tuesday might be a first in many years.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus said during Tuesday's Council study session, "I believe it's the first time, in my memory, that we've ever had a no findings audit."

"In my memory, it is too," said Patrick Lile, auditor, who made a formal presentation Tuesday night on the City's 2021

Feldhaus thanked City Treasurer Kay Parker, who has been on board now at City the last couple years, for her patience with auditors and the work she accomplishes as an administrator. The Councilman also thanked City Manager Josh Ray for his administrative work toward getting the City a clean audit this year.

Ray added, "I want to second what Councilman Feldhaus said, in terms of Kay's team and the management during the year. I think Kay is doing an excellent job." The city manager said the communication between Parker

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CAR HITS POLE



T-G Photo by David Melson

Emergency medical personnel (background) carry Jordan Woodard to an ambulance as Officers Brad Evans and Letisia Diaz inspect the car in which Woodard was injured in a single-vehicle crash early Tuesday night. Woodard struck a utility pole on Deery Street at Holland Street. The initial police call said Woodard was unconscious in a burning car. Woodard was taken to a Murfreesboro hospital. Police said Woodard does not have a driver's license and charges will be filed.

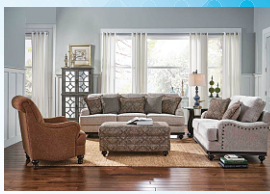
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DEATH NOTICES

Leonard Jerry 'L.J.' Clark

March 1, 2022

Leonard Jerry "L.J." Clark, 80, died Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro.

Graveside services were Friday, March 4 at Cothran Cemetery in Rockvale with Pastor Lance Bennett officiating.

Gowen-Smith Chapel handled arrangements.



OBITUARIES

William David 'Bill' Hallum

February 26, 2022

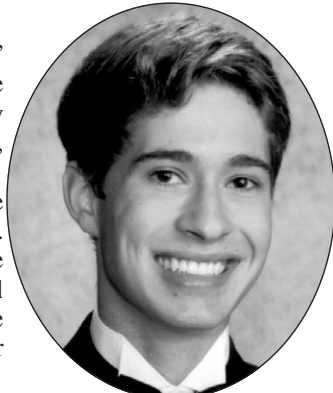
William David "Bill" Hallum, 20, of Shelbyville passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5 from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill. Private burial will be held at a later date.

Bill was born on April 3, 2001 to Cynthia and Mike Hallum in Columbia. After Bill graduated from Shelbyville Central High School, lettering in golf and wrestling, he went on to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Bill was a proud member of Alpha Tau Omega and an avid outdoorsman.

He is survived by parents, Cynthia and Mike Hallum, Shelbyville; grandmother, Bonnie Cady, grandmother, Betty Hallum; brother, Charles Hallum and wife Naomi, brother Bobby Hallum and wife Courtney; sister Sarah Beth Hallum; nephew Henry Hallum; nieces Mary Lynn Hallum and Scarlett Hallum.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.



Joseph W. Pfeffer

February 1, 2022

Joseph W. Pfeffer, age 85, of Bell Buckle, passed from this life early Tuesday morning, February 1, 2022, at The Waters of Smyrna after an extended illness.

Joseph was born March 3, 1936, in Queens, N.Y. to the late Francis and Frances Pfeffer, and is preceded in death by beloved wife of 59 years, Marilyn "Gay" Pfeffer.

He is survived by: children, Cheryl (Asad) Khan of Bell Buckle, Pam Anneser of New Hampshire and Lori (Chas) Kingsley of New York; grandchildren, Caleb (Ashley) Khan, Jess (Reed) Glover, Mikaela Anneser, Luke Anneser, Syra Khan, Elyssa Anneser, and Taylor Kingsley; niece, Roxanne Partridge; nephew, Adam Partridge; and great grandchildren, Ava, Daniel, and Zain Khan.

Joseph and Gay's family will celebrate their lives on the island of Bald Head.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Donna Gregory

February 27, 2022

Mrs. Donna Gregory, 84, of Wartrace, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2022.

Graveside services were Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Willow Mount Cemetery.

She was born November 16, 1937, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Otto and Helen Martha Nightingale Sammons. She worked with K-Mart, both in Shelbyville and Tullahoma, and ran an income tax preparation business. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Tom Greschel.

Survivors include her husband of 47-plus years, Hilton Gregory, of Wartrace; daughters, Rebecca Brown, and her husband Winston, of Lewisburg, Jo Ann Beech, and her husband Mike, of Bell Buckle, and Pam Phillips, of Nashville; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel handled arrangements.



Edgar Dale Cleek

March 3, 2022

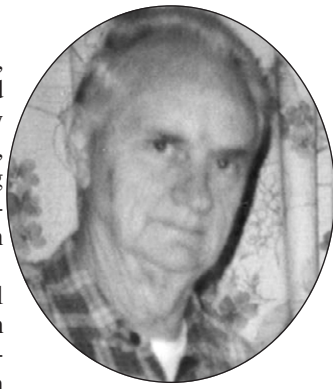
Mr. Edgar Dale Cleek, 82, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Thursday afternoon, March 3, 2022, at his home with his loving wife of 38 years and sister-in-law by his side after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan Curry officiating. Burial will follow at Hopper Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

Dale was born September 10, 1939, in McMinnville to the late Jessie Hurbert Cleek and Virginia Irwin Cleek. He retired from the National Guard as a full-time recruiter after 21 years of service, and after that he owned and operated Cleek's Used Furniture along with his wife Debbie for 20 years. In his free time Dale loved going to flea markets and yard sales.

He is survived by: loving wife of 38 years, Deborah Cleek; son, Stephen Cleek of Goodlettsville; granddaughter, Hailey Cleek; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judy (Mike) Oakley of Nashville; and his favorite dog "Baby Girl."

Memorials may be made to New Bethel Baptist Church, by mail: 1832 Highway 64 West, Shelbyville, TN 37160.



Yvonne Scales

March 1, 2022

Mrs. Yvonne Scales, 84, of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at her home, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Hospice Compassus.

Funeral services will be 12 noon Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

She was born September 1, 1937, in Decherd, to the late Cecil and Vernice Young. She retired after 30+ years of service from National Pen, and was a faithful member of Bright Temple COGIC.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Scales, Sr.

Survivors include a brother, Donald Young, and his wife Kay; a son, Michael Scales; step sons, Wayne Scales, and his wife Shelia, and George Scales, Jr.; a daughter, Gloria Johnson; several grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Vickie Jean Lilly

February 24, 2022

Vickie Jean Lilly, 74, of Decatur, Georgia passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022.

She will be laid to rest at the Lilly family cemetery in Flat Top, W. Va. on Sunday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. Friends and family will be received from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Shady Springs, W. Va.

A celebration of her life will be held April 23, 2022 in Decatur, Georgia. Location to be announced.

She was a beloved mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her bright light and positive spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

She was born to Alice Corene Cass and Max Clyde Cass of Sandborn, Indiana on May 8, 1947. She graduated from Oceanside High School in Oceanside, CA in 1965. She was married to Colonel J.C. Lilly, Jr. for 49 loving years. Her role as a military spouse took her across the globe where she raised her family and effortlessly made new friends and immersed herself in numerous communities. She had a vast array of interests including genealogy, gardening, writing, photography, reading and art.

She was a beautiful seamstress, knitter, quilter, and could throw one heck of a party. She believed you are never too old to learn or travel. In fact, she just recently started taking art classes and was looking forward to a trip to Venice, Italy. Previous to her move to Atlanta she spent 17 years living in Shelbyville, TN where she was active in the local Shelby Daughters of the American Revolution chapter as their registrar. While living in Shelbyville she also co-managed the Lilly-Meadows trucking company.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Colonel J.C. Lilly, Jr., her son Jasper "Clark" Lilly, III, her father Max Clyde Cass and brother Clyde Dean Cass. An online guest-book is available at www.asturner.com



Col. Kenneth B. 'Pop Pop' Crowell

February 23, 2022

Colonel Kenneth B. "Pop Pop" Crowell, Retired USMC, 86, passed peacefully from this life at his home in Shelbyville, Tennessee on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. He was the only child of the late Joseph Brenton Crowell and Nola Catherine Reed Crowell.

The family will be having a service and Celebration of Life at First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2022. The family welcomes everyone to join them for light fare after the service. Ken will be buried with honors at Arlington National Cemetery with a date to be announced in the future.

He was born August 7, 1935, in Shelbyville, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his only son, Brent Crowell.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 59 years, Mary Sandra Fly Crowell and his two daughters, Kim Crowell of Sarasota, Florida, and Courtney Crowell (Michael Golden) of Fort Mill, South Carolina. He was the beloved "Pop Pop" to and will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Sal Tavakoly, Madeleine Golden and Brent Golden.

Ken graduated from Community High School in Unionville, where he excelled in baseball and basketball. He went on to play both sports at Martin Methodist College and Middle Tennessee State University. Upon graduating, he was drafted by the Boston Red Sox Minor League Team and because of this always rooted for the Boston Red Sox. His love for sports continued throughout his adult life, he participated and competed in the Senior Olympics in golf and softball for years.

Ken had a commendable service in the military which started when he joined the Tennessee National Guard while in high school. He remained in the National Guard throughout college until he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant. Upon graduation from the Officers Candidate School, he joined the 3rd Marine Division. He served in Laos during the first years of the second Indochina War, eventually known as the Vietnam War. He proudly served over 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps reserves.

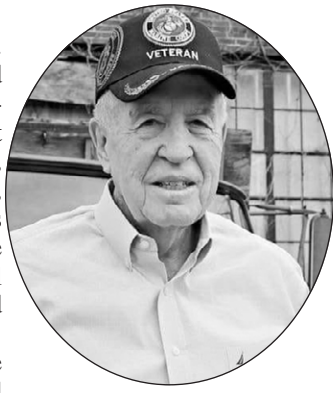
Ken was a successful sales executive, selling high school and college rings for Jostens and during this time, moved to Maryland, while still serving in the Marine Corps Reserves. He met the love of his life, Sandra Crowell, on a blind date. They resided in Maryland to raise their three children.

Among his many accomplishments, besides going to every event for his children and grandchildren, the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots was also a very big part of his life and very dear to his heart. He thoroughly enjoyed serving his community in Maryland and Tennessee and seeing the smiles on children's faces.

Ken was loved by many, and his lifetime stories will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots in honor of Ken Crowell. <https://www.toysfortots.org>

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



OBITUARIES

Richard Alton Barnes

March 2, 2022

Mr. Richard Alton Barnes, 94, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Avalon Hospice.

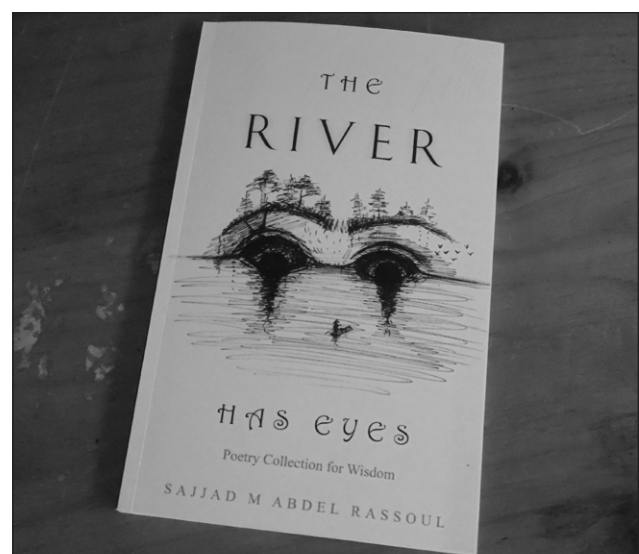
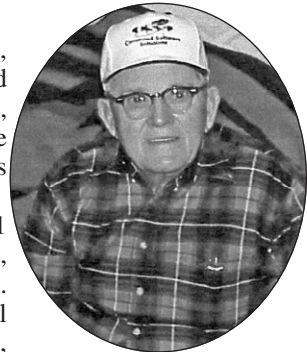
Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Eastview Baptist Church. Reverend Mark Rosson will officiate. Graveside service, with full military honors, will be 5 p.m. Saturday at Barnes Cemetery in Fayetteville, with Brother Jimmy Gray officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

He was born February 27, 1928, in Boonshill, to the late Thomas Wilburn and Laura May Bevils Barnes. A carpenter by trade, he worked mostly in Williamson County, Spring Hill, Franklin and Brentwood. A faithful member of Eastview Baptist Church, he enjoyed his church, singing in church, and working in the church. A veteran of the United States Army, 7th Division, he served in the Korean War. Corporal Barnes was the recipient of the Army of Occupation Medal with Japanese Clasp, the National Defense Service Medal, The Korean Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, and the United Nations Service Medal.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Richard Alton Barnes, Jr.; brothers, Bobby G. Barnes, Wade Barnes, George Thomas Barnes, J.W. Barnes, Samuel Edgar Barnes, Robert Kenneth Barnes, Joe Lawrence Barnes, and Harold Barnes.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Edna Donnell Barnes, of Shelbyville, and a son, Roger William Barnes, of Murfreesboro; a sister, Mattie May Lewter Sawyer, of Boonshill; grandchildren, Chris Barnes and Stephanie Barnes Thornton; great-grandchildren, Chandler Barnes, Keagan Barnes, Kaycee Barnes, Rozalyn Thornton, and Clayton Thornton.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.



Poetry

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as I saw it."

Also taking inspiration from Rumi, an often-quoted 13th century Persian poet, Sajjad said his work has become more direct and given him more "resolutions," that is, understanding that there are more answers.

"Rumi's work really inspired me to write my own poetry because he speaks in a way that I haven't read other poets speak," Sajjad said. Many of Rumi's poems talk about friendship between people who's trustworthy and who's not and what true love is in

the eyes of the individual person.

Much like Rumi, Sajjad said he writes in a plain, straightforward manner to dive into these deep subjects. "Why do we fear death?" Sajjad writes in one of his poems. "It is the bringer/of eternal love."

Rumi primarily wrote in Persian, but some of his verses were also written in Turkish, Arabic and Greek. Similar to the poet, Sajjad speaks and writes Arabic. However, he said when he's writing poetry, he's writing in English.

His plans for the future include staying in Shelbyville and getting into the automotive business — and, of course, continue to write.

City

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and auditors is "very impressive."

The audience and Council gave applause.

"Findings are usually standard "it's not dotted or t's not crossed," per governmental audit standards and procedures. The City has already corrected some "findings" from 2020.

Lile also commended Council for the column in the audit under governmental activities where there was a figure—\$673,004—a net pension asset. "That's a good thing," the auditor explained. "In the past, [last year] you had something called a net pension liability. It would have been almost \$3 million. That has flipped around in a year."

Lile said the bottom line is that net pension asset means the City has more investments set aside to pay its pension payments in the future, than are actually required by actuary measurements. The long-time auditor said the City has "huge" investment gains within its pension plan this year.

"I feel confident . . . the largest investment gains you all have had in the pen-

sion's history. But, I don't know that."

Lile said with the current unsteadiness of the economy right now, to have assets of this kind is certainly good news. He added it was certainly the most interesting number in the thick audit book for last year.

City Manager Ray told the Times-Gazette following Tuesday's meeting, "The Pension Plan ended the fiscal year with a positive net position of \$673,004. The City's contributions have remained consistent and our management firm has remained the same. It is my opinion that the success of the stock market this year is the reason why we saw such positive growth. Now, our challenge is to maintain this high level of performance to ensure that we remained fully funded in our pension plan."

Auditors also pointed out Tuesday night to Council that the City still owns three long-term liabilities that exist: 1.) Ameresco capital outlay note for energy at \$846,000 2.) The flume capital outlay note which is currently at \$533,000 3.) The industrial park capital outlay note at \$330,000. This makes the City's total debt as of the 2021 audit to be around \$1.7 million.

NEW OWNERS



Handyman David Poure repairs the old Capri Theatre sign—just in time for the showing of the newest Batman movie. Poure's son-in-law recently bought the theatre. They hope to maintain the historic overlay of the theatre since it has been such a focal part of downtown Shelbyville for decades. Recent California transplants, Poure said the old theatre is reminiscent of when his parents would take him on trips to Hollywood as a kid.



Reed seeks re-election as Register of Deeds

Johnny Reed recently announced his candidacy for re-election as Bedford County Register of Deeds in the May 3 Democratic primary.

Reed has served in his current position for the last 20 years. He is a life-long resident of Bedford County and a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School.

Prior to being elected in 2002, he spent 27 years in the grocery business and was meat market manager at BI-LO. He has been married to Kathy Reed, principal of Learning Way Elementary, for 38 years; they have 2 children.

Reed is an elder and choir member at First Christian Church, where he's in the Disciples Men's Group.

He's also a certified public administrator through the University of Tennessee and trained in local government leadership. He has served as chaplain of the Tennessee Registers Association and middle Tennessee Registers Association—a post he's held multiple times.

Reed was elected as



Johnny Reed

president of the Tennessee Registers Association in 2014 and received the Exemplary Service Award in 2015. He's also served as past president of the Middle Tennessee Registers Association and on the County Officials of Tennessee (COAT) board.

Reed has coached youth sports for years. He has been a member of the American Cancer Society's "Hee Haw and Howdy" cast for 21 years and participates in Relay for Life. He's past chairman of the United Way of Bedford County and co-chaired the activities for the Bicentennial celebration in 2007. That same year, he received

the Good Citizens Award and the Outstanding Leadership Award from Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce.

Reed has served on the board of National Day of Prayer. He is currently serving as a board member and vice president of the Community Clinic of Shelbyville and Bedford County, Inc. He is an accomplished singer and volunteers as Santa Claus for the Adult Activity Center, Shelbyville Recreation Center and various schools and organizations.

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Bedford County," said Reed. "My family and staff have been overwhelmed by the love and support this community has shown us over these past 20 years. Being your Register of Deeds is not just a job, it's my passion. Over the next 4 years, I will continue to protect the citizens and the vital records of Bedford County, giving you peace of mind with knowledgeable, professional and dedicated service you deserve."

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REPUBLICAN BRENT SMITH is a leader Bedford County can trust. Brent's professional experience includes working as a Key Account Manager for a multinational biotechnology firm, a company that provides therapies for people suffering from diseases like cancer. Through his work with similar companies, he has collaborated for 25 years now with large hospital systems, state Medicaid offices, insurance companies and nonprofits to secure access and funding for patients and advocacy groups.

Smith and his wife, Amanda, live on a farm in Wartrace. He is an avid hunter and fisherman, and also enjoys raising livestock.

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- ✔ Low-cost approval process for new businesses

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Seniors home alone

Dear Heloise: When my mom was a senior citizen home alone, she would call her cousin, who was also a senior citizen home alone, each morning at 7 a.m. They would enjoy their morning gossip session, after joking that they both were still alive. They lived in the same town but not near each other. I read your column each day in the Republican-American, which is published in Waterbury, Connecticut. -- Carolyn McDonough, Canaan, Connecticut

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



issue with an aggressive chewer. A few years ago, we had a miniature poodle that developed a habit of chewing on books, etc. I contacted our vet, and he suggested giving him cut-up raw carrots. We did, and that cured the problem. I hope it works for M.P. in Dallas. -- Bubba, Santa Clarita, California

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Here's Jessie. Jessie lives with us in Rancho Murieta, California. He's a real character. We rescued him from an RV park about a year ago. He chases our dogs, watches television and, as you can see, loves to ride in the car. -- Nancy Jackson

Dear Readers: To see Jessie and our other Pet Pals, go to www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week." -- Heloise

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

Traveling light

Dear Heloise: I have a job that requires me to travel at least three or four nights a week. If I've learned anything, it's to travel light. I have some hints that might be of interest to your readers. Having traveled each week for over 20 years, I've learned a lot. -- First, pick a color and build your wardrobe around it. Buy solid colors as your basic wardrobe and branch off with colors/patterns that complement your basic color.

-- Always travel with an extension cord, a small flashlight, a pair of lightweight slippers, three safety pins, a small tube of antibacterial ointment and about three or four Band-Aids. You'll be surprised how often you need these things.

-- Bring a book to read and always arrive early at the airport. Book a morning flight if you can. Canceled flights are more likely to happen later in the day.

-- Always be polite to the airplane staff. They'll remember you and sometimes upgrade you to first class if you're nice to them. If you're on a business trip, dress for business.

-- If you're driving, stop when you're tired and get a cup of coffee or pull over, get out and stretch or walk around. If it's evening, stop only in well-lit areas. -- Poppy A., Fort Wayne, Indiana

FALLING IN THE BATHROOM

Dear Heloise: This is about the guy who fell in his bathroom and couldn't reach the phone. The same thing happened to a friend of mine. She fell in the bathroom and couldn't reach the phone, but she had Alexa (Amazon's virtual assistant device). She told Alexa to call 911, but the device didn't understand. So she told Alexa to call a friend, and then told the friend to call 911.

After she recovered, she taught Alexa to call 911. -- Patricia Roberts, via email

Patricia, thanks for this great idea. The bathroom can be a dangerous place. You also can take your cellphone with you, just in case. -- Heloise

REMOVING STICKY STUFF

Dear Heloise: Don't waste money on over-the-counter products to remove sticky stuff from containers. Pour a layer of cooking oil, let it set for a while, then wash in hot, soapy water. Works for me! -- J.R., via email

OPENING GLASS JARS

Dear Heloise: I might be telling my age, but as a kid, we were taught to use a church key (the old can and bottle opener) to loosen the seal on a screw-on lid that refuses to be opened by raising the lid away from the jar in a couple of places. When the seal is broken, you will hear a popping sound and the lid will easily unscrew. -- Vicki Palmer, Temple, Texas

STORE PRODUCTS UPSIDE DOWN

Dear Heloise: Some of my skin-care and makeup products sold in bottles and tubes have applicators. To be sure I access all of the product, as it gets toward the bottom of the container, I store the bottles upside down and stand the inverted tubes (mascara) in a cup. -- S. Phillips, Columbia City, Indiana

AGGRESSIVE DOG CHEWER

Dear Heloise: A reader in Dallas had an

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

THIS WEEK

Library book sale

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library will have a used book sale in its Community Room today through Saturday, March 5, beginning at 9 a.m. until one hour before closing time. Hardcover books, DVDs and audiobooks are \$1 each, paperbacks are 50 cents and magazines 10 cents. For more information, call 684-7323.

SATURDAY

Flat Creek meeting

Flat Creek Community Center will host its monthly potluck meal and entertainment Saturday, March 5. Area singer-songwriters Brad Harris, Dakota Lawen, and Marilyn Harris will have a Nashville-style "guitar pull," performing for each other with a backing band. The meal starts at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7.

Bell Buckle chili

Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department will host its 14th annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser on Saturday, March 5. Chili will be judged at 5 p.m. and dinner served at 6. Categories this year: are Best Chili, Hottest (spicy) and Vegetarian.

MONDAY

Good Sam Bag Day

Good Samaritan Bag Day will be noon-2 p.m. Monday, March 7 at 201 E. Highland St.

VFW meeting

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting next Monday at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Mike Ruess, 931-249-1566.

MARCH 8

Bell Buckle Parks

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation Committee will meet 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in Town Hall.

Transition Fair

The Bedford County Transition Fair will be held 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at Shelbyville Central High School. Local and statewide service

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

providers and advocate agencies will share information about resources students may find beneficial as they enter adulthood.

Bell Buckle board

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in Town Hall. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. to discuss updates to the schedule of fees.

MARCH 12

Smoke alarms

Shelbyville Fire Department will be installing free smoke alarms with Red Cross on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. City residents can call 931-684-6241. Those living outside Shelbyville can call Bedford County Fire Department, 931-684-9223.

MARCH 13

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet Sunday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. A meal will be furnished.

MARCH 15

Bell Buckle history

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

MARCH 17

Bell Buckle meeting

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

MARCH 19

Craft fair

Bedford County Fair is hosting a Spring Fling Craft Show & Flea Market on Saturday, March 19 at Bedford County Agricultural Center. Sign up at bedfordcountynfair.org/spring-fling.

MARCH 24

SCHRA meetings

South Central Human Resource Agency's Governing Board will meet 11 a.m. Thursday, March 24 at the central office, 1427 Winchester Highway in Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m.

CANCELLATION

VFW Music Night

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

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

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

Head Start signups

All Head Start and Early Head Start Centers are taking applications for fall 2022 enrollment. For more information or to complete an application, contact any Head Start Center. Phone numbers are Wartrace 931-389-6406, Harris Head Start 931-773-0033, North Side Head Start Center 931-773-0141 and Bedford Early Head Start 931-685-0876.

For Head Start, the child must turn 3 before Aug. 15, 2022. For Early Head Start pregnant women make weekly educational visits and for the center children 6 weeks up to 3 years old are eligible.

Seniors meals

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

County meetings

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

Medicaid assistance

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)/Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is a state-wide program that provides free and objective counseling and assistance to people with questions or problems regarding Medicare and other related health insurance. They do not sell insurance. New volunteers are needed in Bedford County. Training is provided both online and in person. Call 1-877-801-0044 or 931-379-2927, or email Mike David at mdavid@sctdd.org.

Enjoy the warmth, cooler weather's ahead



Steve Norris

Weather

This beautiful weather pattern we enjoyed this

week continues into Saturday with high pressure in control. Afternoon highs will be in the low 70s. Rain chances will return to our area for Sunday and Monday and it will start getting cooler for the first of the week with high temperatures on

Tuesday struggling to get above 55 degrees.

February was way above normal on rainfall and temperatures were 2 degrees above average. There were a couple of gauges in the Shelbyville area with 10 inches. Soggy conditions as we go into

the spring planting season for area farmers and gardeners.

You can reach me anytime at weather1@charter.net.

• Steve Norris is a trained professional meteorologist.

Easy ways to limit carbs in 2022 for a healthier you

Heading into the new year, you may be thinking about ways to work on your health and wellness. A new year is an ideal opportunity to consider positive lifestyle changes, and what you choose to eat is a big part of that. The good news is, you can focus on nutritional goals while still enjoying the food you eat.

Here are tips to help you limit carbs.

1. Utilize net carbs to your advantage

The great thing about tracking net carbs is that it helps you get the most bang

for your nutritional buck, as an essential component of a net carb calculation is to deduct fiber. In the low carb world, fiber is found in nuts, seeds and cruciferous vegetables (like broccoli or cauliflower). Fiber is not digestible, which is why you deduct it from the total carbs. Adding more of these foods into your daily routine means you're getting fewer digestible carbs and more healthy fats, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

2. Add indulgences to stay on track

It's much easier to stick

with healthier lifestyle changes if you include foods you truly enjoy that also provide nutritional content.

Here are other lower carb dip ingredients to try:

- Mayonnaise. This versatile condiment has zero carbohydrates. You can create plenty of dips combining mayo with mustard and/or sour cream.

- Mustard. Add zing to your dips with mustard, as it contains zero net carbs. Some mustards will have added sugar or honey, so be sure to check labels.

- Sour cream. While you may think full-fat sour cream is not the best choice, it actually contains fewer carbs than the low-fat version — and a lot fewer carbs than non-fat sour cream. It also adds flavor to any recipe and combines well with a variety of herbs and spices.

Meeting your health and wellness goals for 2022 will be easier if you center your goals on nutrition as well as enjoyment of foods you eat that also help give you what your body needs. --ARA

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church will hold its Sunday morning service at 10 a.m. Sunday with Bro. Jimmy Gray presenting the message. Services are livestreamed.

"There is Hope in His Omnipotence" from John 11:1-11 will be Pastor Jimmy West's message Sunday at Edgemont Baptist Church.

"Salvation Is Essential For Salvation" from Matthew 3:13-17 will be the message Sunday at Grace Baptist Church. Services are livestreamed.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

A new sermon series, "Cross Encounters," begins Sunday in First Christian Church's lead-up to Resurrection Sunday, April 20. This Sunday attendees will encounter Judas Iscariot, who reminds us it's possible to just pretend to be Jesus' friend.

Church of Christ

The sermon at Fairlane Church of Christ will be "More than a Message," part of the "A Church on the Move" series, from Acts 13:1-3. Services are livestreamed and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

The "After this Life" series at Southside Church of Christ continues with the lesson Resurrection, "Mind-Boggling" from 1 Corinthians 15:12-14 at 10 a.m. Sunday. Prayers and parents groups meet at 6 p.m. Sunday and a study of 1 Peter continues at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

First United Methodist Church's message from the Rev. Dr. Paul H. Mullikin will be "The Easy Way or Christ's Way" from Luke 4:1-13. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's service for the 1st Sunday in Lent will be held at 10 a.m. led by Pastor Jim Moran. The "Feasting on the Word" series continues with the focus on Luke 4:1-13, "Repentance." Services are livestreamed on Facebook.

A Lenten meal for kids

Vegetables and pasta dishes are a staple of the Lenten season. As parents of picky eaters can attest, encouraging children, particularly toddlers or early grade-schoolers to dig into such foods can be a struggle.

Fish sticks can make a fish dinner more attractive to youngsters. This recipe for "Fish Sticks with Fries and Tartar Sauce" from "Danielle Walker's Eat What You Love" (Ten Speed Press) is a crunchy, homemade alternative.



Kosher salt

Fish sticks

- 1 lb. haddock or cod filets
- 4 oz. plantain chips
- Fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 egg whites, beaten until frothy
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. To make the tartar sauce, in a small bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, cornichons, capers, vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, parsley, and pepper. Place in the refrigerator to chill while you make the fries and fish sticks, or up to three days.

To make the fries, cut the parsnip and sweet potato into matchstick fries. In a bowl, toss the vegetables with the oil. Spread in a single layer — not touching — on a large rimmed baking sheet. Bake for 20

minutes, turning once during baking, until browned.

To make the fish sticks, meanwhile, cut the haddock into 3-by-1/2-inch strips. Place a wire rack on top of a clean kitchen towel and brush the rack lightly with avocado oil.

In a food processor, or using a mortar and pestle, pulse the plantain chips a few times until they resemble coarse sand. Pour the ground chips into a shallow bowl and combine with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg whites and mustard.

Pat the fish dry with paper towels and season generously with 3/4 teaspoon sea salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. One at a time, dip the fish strips into the egg mixture and shake gently, allowing any excess to drip back into the bowl, then dip the fish into

the plantain chip mixture, turning to coat each strip and shaking off any excess. Place the fish strips on the prepared wire rack.

Remove the baking sheet from the oven and scoot the fries over to one side. Position the rack with the fish sticks on the baking sheet and return to the oven. Bake the fish and fries together for 10 to 12 minutes, until the fish is crisp and cooked through. Season the fries generously with the kosher salt. Serve the fish sticks and fries immediately with the tartar sauce on the side.

Sand Dollar Cookies


- 2 C. margarine
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 C. flour
- 1/2 C. chopped walnuts
- 1 egg white
- Cinnamon-sugar mixture (combine 1 tsp. cinnamon and 2 T. sugar)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream margarine,

sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl. Beat egg well and mix thoroughly with sugar, brown sugar and margarine. Gradually add flour to the mixture and share the dough into a long roll, about 15 inches long and 2 inches in diameter. Roll the log in the chopped walnuts.

Chill overnight. Cut the roll into 1/4-inch slices. Beat the egg white and brush on top of each slice. Then sprinkle cinnamon-sugar mixture over slices. Bake for 10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen crunchy sand dollar cookies.

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Meth, marijuana found after driver falls asleep

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Methamphetamine and marijuana were found in the possession of a man who fell asleep while driving last Saturday night, Shelbyville police said.

Officer Bailey Dineen found Diego Garcia Morales, 27, of Butler Avenue outside of his truck at the intersection of North Main and Madison streets talking with off-duty officer Brandi Merlo. Both said Garcia Morales smelled of and was “clearly under the influence” of marijuana.

A search of the truck revealed a bag containing approximately 22 grams of meth, a bag of marijuana, and pipes for both substances. Garcia Morales admitted to officers he had been smoking pot.

Garcia Morales was charged with DUI and possession of schedule II and VI drugs and paraphernalia and possession of drugs with intent to resell. He was held on \$100,000 bond.

•A “roach,” two grinders and approximately 0.5 grams of marijuana were found on Elana Marie Dubose as she left a Palmer Drive restaurant Tuesday, police said.

She was charged with possession of a schedule VI drug and paraphernalia.

•A bag of crystal methamphetamine was found on a man who was being served with warrants on previous charges Monday, police said Friday.

Digital scales were found inside a bag in the possession of Michael Caldwell, who was spotted by detectives Cody Swift and Nathan Everhart standing in the yard of a Fairground Heights home.

•Two marijuana “roach- es” were recovered from a hat Tony Dewayne Curry, 60, of Staley Road was wearing during a police traffic stop Thursday.

Curry had no brake lights when he was pulled over on Castle Street, police said.

Charges of simple possession of a schedule VI drug and ninth offense driving on a revoked license were filed against Curry. He posted \$4,500 bond.

Evading arrest

A man who allegedly ran away from a wreck scene after crashing into another vehicle Sunday morning faces multiple charges.

Witnesses told police Mateo Tapia Tapia, 30, of Bridlewood Drive fled on foot after running a traffic light and striking the driver’s side of a vehicle at the intersection of Green Lane and Quarry Street. The other driver was not injured, police said.

Officer James Sharp

spotted Tapia running toward his nearby home and captured him moments later. Tapia failed field sobriety tests, had no license, an active warrant for failure to appear and a record of a 2017 DUI conviction, according to police.

Tapia was charged with DUI (second offense), no driver’s license, leaving the scene of accident, evading arrest, financial responsibility and violation of probation. He was held on \$6,500 bond.

Weapon charge

A man initially reported as passed out in his car at an Anthony Lane apartment complex was arrested Wednesday for being a convicted felon in possession of a weapon, police said.

Officer Ramon Castillo found Jamaal Rahini Buchanan, 41, of Old Flat Creek Road conscious at an apartment. Castillo was returning to his patrol car and noticed a gun on the front seat of Buchanan’s car.

The XP45 semiautomatic handgun was unchambered, containing one magazine with two rounds inside.

Buchanan was warned about leaving a gun in an unlocked vehicle with window down near children. His record shows a conviction for aggravated assault, police said.

Jail records show Buchanan posted \$12,000 bond.

Too fast

“Just having fun” turned out to be anything but fun for a driver accused of speeding Saturday night.

Santiago Omar Sontay Quinonez was allegedly clocked at 72 mph in a 45 mph zone on Union Street at 10:17 p.m. by Officer Letisia Diaz, according to a police report.

In addition to his statement that he was “just having fun,” Sontay Quinonez also admitted he was doing so without a driver’s license, police said.

Thefts

A white 2001 Chrysler Sebring was stolen from a Rockwood Drive home Monday,

The owner said he’d started the car to warm it up. An overnight visitor whom he was going to drive home allegedly left with it.

Other thefts reported to area authorities:

•A 6-foot string of copper wire was stolen and all the wiring in a home under construction on Cathey Road was cut over last weekend, the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office was told.

Repair costs were estimated at \$4,500.

LUNCHTIME FIRE



A fire broke out at the new Pizza Hut on North Main Street, Wednesday afternoon in Shelbyville after a fryer caught on fire, according to one of the workers. No workers were injured. The Shelbyville Fire Department was able to put the fire out with minimal damage. However, the chicken wings did not make it.

•A Kia Sorento stolen from Grundy County was recovered Monday behind a home on Shipman’s Creek Road, the BCSO said.

•A lawn mower was stolen from the garage of a home under construction on Deerfield Place on Sunday or Monday.

The thief left behind a utility trailer stolen from a Hendon Memorial Road home, a BCSO report said.

•Samantha Ahnefeld was charged with shoplifting after allegedly taking seven energy drinks and a USB charger from Speedway, Madison Street, early Tuesday, police said.

Ahnefeld, 28, who was listed as “homeless” in a city police report, was held on \$500 bond. The report alleged Ahnefeld tried to hide the items as an officer approached.

Scam

A woman who accepted an offer to buy an iPhone for \$497 was scammed out of thousands of dollars, police said.

She was told to purchase Green Dot cards at a drug store and send the “seller” the money — a total of \$5,167.

“They kept calling asking for money and I kept sending it,” the woman told an officer.

Bad dog

Onyx, a pit bull that medical personnel say has bitten people — including its owner — five previous times struck again Monday afternoon, according to

police.

The latest victim was bitten on both legs by a man who was helping Onyx’s owner do laundry at her Fairground Heights home.

Onyx’s owner said the dog “got excited” and bit her in the hands, thigh and stomach as she was arguing with an unwanted visitor early Sunday. Onyx is up to date on shots and vaccinations, according to the owner.

Medical personnel at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital remarked on how many people they’d treated for bites by Onyx, a report said.

No charges have been filed against the owner.

Jail intake

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

•Samantha Marie Ahnefeld, 28, homeless, Shelbyville; shoplifting; held, \$500 bond

•Tyler Joseph Anderson, 31, Parker Road; failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond

•Amanda Leann Blevins, 42, Troupe Road; violation of probation, show cause; held, \$4,394.87

•Jonathan Todd Blevins, 19, Troupe Road; violation of probation, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of legend drug, posses-

sion of schedule VI drug, possession of schedule IV drug, criminal impersonation; held, \$17,000 bond

•Ryan Chase Bowman, 37, Highway 130 West; light law, no driver’s license; released, no bond

•William Joseph Brantley Jr., 71, Wildcreek Road; harassment; summons issued

•Jamaal Rahini Buchanan, 41, Old Flat Creek Road; possession of firearm after felony conviction; released, \$12,000 bond

•Michael Anthony Caldwell, 38, Springdale Avenue; aggravated burglary, theft over \$10,000, failure to appear; held, \$250,000

•Sebastian De La Cruz Reynoso, 25, Eagle Boulevard; domestic assault; released, \$3,000 bond

•Tony Dewayne Curry, 60, Staley Road; driving on revoked license, simple possession; released, \$4,500 bond

•Mary Beth Dennis, 35, Gregory Mill Road; violation of probation; summons issued

•Breeana Lyn Dyer, 22, Wildwood Drive, Unionville; show cause; summons issued

•Brittani Hope Fisk, 34, McMinnville; failure to appear; held, \$1,500 bond

•John Thomas Freeman, 45, South Maple Street; harassment; released, \$1,500 bond

•Domingo Hernandez Guzman, 40, Eagleville; financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, failure to exercise due care; summons issued

•Trent Desmond Haney, 27, Barksdale Lane; violation of no contact order, failure to appear, bench warrant, bondsman surrender; held, \$16,000 bond

•Jimmy Lee Mallard, 37, Adams Hollow Road; aggravated assault (two counts), reckless endangerment; summons issued

•Baltazar Sebastian Martin, 26, Quarry Street; no driver’s license/issued on demand, speeding; released, \$500 bond

•Harm Anthony Moore, 22, Tullahoma; bench war-

rant, failure to appear; held, \$6,500 bond

•Willie Taft Nard Jr., 71, King Arthur Court; bondsman surrender; held, \$32,000 bond

•Jordan Carl Newsom, 20, Deery Street; vandalism; held, \$4,500 bond

•James Paul Nowlin, 41, Baker Street; bench warrant; held, no bond

•Raul Perez, 45, Hobson Avenue; no driver’s license, registration violation; summons delivered

•Alisia Yvette Perry, 45, Bates Street; domestic assault, aggravated vandalism; held, \$9,000 bond

•Myiesha Danyelle Pullen, 26, Green Lane; driving on suspended license; summons delivered

•William Ray Ransom, 90, Old Columbia Road; aggravated domestic assault, violation of no contact order, aggravated kidnapping; held, \$202,000 bond

•Lacy Danielle Ray, 34, Beech Grove; held, \$500 bond

•Trenton Alexander Ray, 25, South Cannon Boulevard; simple possession of schedule II drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$3,500 bond

•John Casey Sadler, 34, Viking Lane; domestic assault; released, \$2,500 bond

•Bryant Solis Silva, 21, New Herman Road; failure to appear, capias; held, \$25,000 bond

•Breshawn Monea Smith, 18, Green Lane; failure to appear; released, no bond

•Kaitlyn Elizabeth Szydlek, 32, Shelbyview Drive; aggravated domestic assault; held, \$2,500 bond

•Jacob Christian Ward, 23, Hunters Lane; violation of probation, show cause; held, \$5,000 bond

•Sydney Rose Whitworth, 19, Tullahoma; tampering with evidence; released, \$7,500 bond

•Mykal Wayne Wilkinson, 34, Smyrna; failure to appear; summons issued

•Tyler Robert Williams, 19, Tullahoma; underage DUI, possession of schedule II drug for resale; released, \$8,000 bond

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Ramblings from an 'old' Viqueen

Way to go Community High Viqueens for reaching the goal of Region AA champs! I'm proud of this team. As a former Viqueen, it is truly heart-felt to see the girls earn this accomplishment. Back in my heyday, when I played basketball, the Viqueens struggled greatly with their record. A lot of it really wasn't our fault, but we'll take some of the blame. After all, we were teens, so how much control did we really have? The sad truth is, we had a different coach every year of high school. Speaking for myself, I admit I wasn't the best basketball player. Truthfully, if there had been more extra-curricular offerings then at Community, like band or more in the way of the arts, I probably wouldn't have played basketball. I honorably warmed the bench all those years. There was a bigger plan for my life. I remember Coach Jerry Burlison, who passed away in 2017, and my fav coach Randy Vernon, now successful in the trucking business, who gave me the

opportunity in high school to get into the action. I can hear then Coach Randy yelling, "Run Dawn, run!" Yep, I preceded Forest Gump in that right. Thanks Coach Vernon. As for the legacy of Coach Burlison, he did NOT want to coach girls basketball; he was strictly a men's coach. But due to our Viqueens coach having some health issues, he got stuck with us one year. I'm glad he did, as he taught me so much as a coach; he was a bootstrap kid who made good. (Bootstrap kid is a colloquialism for a person of modest beginnings who achieves success.) I admired him. When I got to college, a professor, who was by the way from Unionville, often reminded me of how we 'really liked to bounce the ball' down here. Yes, we did our fair share of 'bouncing the ball.' I was actually blessed to be able to take private piano lessons as a kid. I finally gave up music, because of what else, basketball. Do I regret that decision? Well, I should have honestly carved out enough

time for both. People now tell me it's not too late. Perhaps. (Oddly enough, I don't have a lot of people tell me I should keep playing basketball. Wink.) Some valuable lessons I learned from basketball included teamwork and serving others, first. Likely, one of the best lessons drilled into us was 'stay in the game' with 'your head held high,' even when the chips are down. (And back then, we were sometimes down by 30 points on the scoreboard. So we were told to be 'brave,' a lot.) But the bigger picture is that many of us retired Viqueens have gone on to be professionals in our own right. Many of the women I played BB with are now working for state legislators, hold lead roles in government offices and are employed in many other facets. Some are simply the best grandmas I know around. As my granny use to say, 'they're good people.' Playing the game can be a hard road. Unless you've played basketball, most do not realize the stress associated with the game.

(Sigh, Vandy's "Pippen Jr." Tuesday night, with his dad, infamous Scottie Pippen sitting in the crowd.) The stress you feel when you watch from the sidelines is easily shaken off. Players must deal with fans, peers, family, coaches, each other and yes, I said it, even the media, constantly, or simply, quit. I think some of the things that are said at any sports event could rightfully cause players and coaches to quit. But we learn early on that's no where in the program. Believe it or not, players can't decipher things said (besides the coach yelling from the sidelines.) Basketball players are taught to use their peripheral vision, for obvious reasons. So young, impressionable players see more than you realize. I remember an educator (from another school system) who use to stand on the sidelines and make fun of us when we would get behind in scoring. To be honest, he kind of made a donkey of himself. Of course it's stressful in a

game when then the third string (the Lonely Bunch as I call it) gets sent out to relieve first and second string. Many times, they've fouled out. (I had a coach say once that's the sign of a good aggressive player. But remember, four to stay alive, five, say goodbye.) Anyway, making wise use of peripheral vision is extremely valuable in basketball because offensive players can "hold" the defense with their eyes and see open spaces and players peripherally, which provides the ball carrier with more offensive options. These days I use my peripheral vision to watch the movements of my youngest grandson and cars racing past me at 80 and 90 MPH on Highway 41A South. Just had to throw that in there. Another important facet of basketball is time. I encourage the players with those sweaty palms Saturday night to savor each moment. Before sinking the ball at the foul line (yes we will), say a prayer, if you believe, or think to yourself, "There's no place



Dawn Hankins
Pencil Shavings

like home." So, with the big game in Unionville tonight (yeah!) let's all show the region, state, how proud we are of our team and local high school. But, let's also demonstrate that we're good sports, no matter who wins. (Well, that might exclude some bad calls by referees. Just joking, guys.) Really, let's all try to be friends and congratulate one another when the game clock stops. I suspect for most of the Viqueens, that will be when life really begins. Blessings alma mater! I'm praying and rooting for your big win against York Institute! (Sorry, Jamestown friends.) Sincerely, from an old (OK I admit it) Viqueen sister-in-arms . . . let's kick some . . . ! Perhaps coaching is more my forte? Hmm. It's a thought.

Politicians: First and foremost, public servants

There's a true story I think about when I hear "politicians should be public servants." During the American Civil War, an impoverished man walked right up to the White House and knocked on the door. Low and behold, President Abraham Lincoln himself answers the door. Could you imagine doing that today? When Alexander Hamilton and James Madison (and John Jay) wrote the Federalist Papers explaining and persuading the American People to adopt the U.S. Constitution, they wrote it with the intention that the Executive Branch would not have law-making ability. "[The Executive branch] is essential to the protection of the community against foreign attacks; it is not less essential to the steady administration of the laws," writes Hamilton in Federalist No. 70, "The Executive Department Further Considered" (from March 18, 1788.) In fact, the president had very few roles outside of being the head of state. Hamilton goes on to explain that in addition to foreign attack, the executive branch must be "the protection of property against those irregular and high-handed combinations which sometimes interrupt the ordinary course of justice; to the security of liberty against the enterprises and assaults of ambition, of faction, and of anarchy." And all those roles were checked by the legislative and judicial branch. George Washington wanted to be simply "Mr. President," not Lord of the States. They were trying to escape the monstrosity that the Georgian monarchy had become in England. The roles of the executive branch have become so twisted and convoluted today. The presidency no longer seems like a public servant's role but a monarchy—on both sides of the aisle. I think the higher up



Zoe Haggard

on the power ladder one goes, the less roles he or she should have. But out of those few roles, the weight of responsibility should be at its greatest. Now, how does this translate to the local level? We elect mayors, commissioners, school board members, councilmen, and a host of other offices to serve our community's needs. The key words: 'we' elect. They are our employees. They represent us where we cannot represent ourselves. They champion resolutions and laws that we cannot champion ourselves. It's so important to get to know your local leaders. Many of those at the state level, and especially those at the federal level, are inaccessible. Pull up a list of commissioners; they have phone numbers or emails generally listed. Almost all City and County meetings are live-streamed, while agendas and meeting minutes are posted publicly on their government websites. Learn how the local politicians are voting on those issues. Here's the kicker: local issues affect you more directly than federal ones. We are the residents that directly feel the effects of the world they, our local leaders, are creating. We're the ones driving the roads, shopping at the shops, and paying the taxes. So, of course, cast your vote. In this way, let's make sure we hold our politicians accountable as our employees—not as their subjects.

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International lawyer's thoughts on Ukraine

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has prompted some to ask my thoughts on the matter. I spent a large portion of my career in national defense and national security, and I'm honored to respond. Yet, I remind others that my thoughts are nothing more than the personal views of one who has been retired from government service for several years. I am nonetheless still a news junkie who cares deeply about the world in which we live. My response has been along the following lines. These events remind me so very much of my years on the Air Force Academy's faculty, teaching international law. In this context, we began with a discussion of World War II and the devastating effects that aggression by Japan and Nazi Germany had on the world. After the war, the consensus among the family of nations was that such aggression must be prevented in the future. No nation or nations should be permitted to redraw national borders through the use of force. As a result, the family of nations established the United Nations. The U.N. Charter is actually a binding treaty to which all the Member States are signatories—193 nowadays. That's almost everyone on the planet—even Russia, which took the place of the former Soviet Union for these purposes. To put it in a somewhat oversimplified sense, under the Charter's provisions, there are only three lawful reasons for the use of armed force: (1) self-defense, (2) humanitarian intervention, and (3) action pursuant to U.N. Security Council resolutions. No aggression is permitted, and sovereignty is respected.

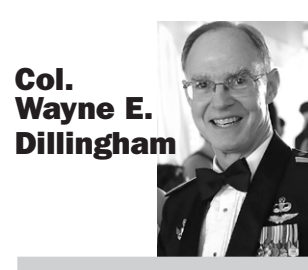
Where does NATO fit?

The NATO Treaty is a pact among its members (30 members nowadays)

for mutual self-defense. Initially, its primary concern was the Soviet Union. After the USSR's breakup, the primary focus became Russia. Article 5 states that an attack on one member will be deemed an attack on all—among other things, a further attempt to deter aggression. All the above was intended to prevent the very sort of aggression in which Russia is currently engaged. Putin couldn't care less about such international laws and norms, and he has almost complete, unrestrained control within Russia to do as he pleases. To him, the absolute worst thing to have happened during his lifetime was the breakup of the former Soviet Union. There's nothing he wants more than to reassemble it as much as possible—at all costs—even though several of those former Soviet states, including Ukraine, have no desire whatsoever to return. In the present, he wants to be not unlike a czar over an empire. In the future, he wants to be remembered as the hero who reestablished the Russian empire to the glory he believes it once enjoyed. Making matters worse, it's been reported that Putin's inner circle of yes-men not only tell him only what he wants to hear but that their views are often far more aggressive than his as they urge him toward even more nefarious deeds. Putin has proved himself to be a verbal contortionist as he stretches and strains in a failed attempt to justify/legitimize his invasion. He contends that Ukraine has no legitimate right to claim sovereignty as a nation-state. His other remarks likewise have little or no basis in fact, and they attempt to rewrite history. Nevertheless, he makes the attempt, hoping that many in the world will view his remarks against those of the West in something of a "he says, she says" manner, not knowing who or what to believe.

So, now what?

Threats of economic sanctions and actual sanctions didn't deter Putin's invasion. Russia is moving across Ukraine, and it's becoming more apparent that Putin will no longer be satisfied with little bites. He wants the entire apple of Ukraine. At the very least, he wants to make it to the capital, oust all West-leaning leaders—especially Pres. Zelensky—and install a pro-Russian regime, thus bringing Ukraine within his Russian sphere of influence. For Putin, that would be the ideal outcome in this context. If he does try to annex all of Ukraine, he'd find the Ukrainian people fiercely resistant and ungovernable. He'd then be like the proverbial dog that chased a car, caught it, and then couldn't drive it. So, what if Putin eventually succeeds in his gaining regime control? Ukraine is not a NATO member, and the U.S. has thus far made it clear we'll only directly engage Russia in armed conflict if it's in defense of a NATO member. The concern is that our going beyond sanctions and logistical support with U.S. armed force, either on the ground or in the air, could provide a slippery slope to World War III. Why, then, are we sending more and more U.S. forces to the immediate region? Two reasons immediately come to mind: (1) To demonstrate that we are indeed serious about our using force to protect our NATO allies if Putin gets too full of himself and tries to bite more apples, and (2) To assist others in the region as large numbers of Ukrainian refugees stream across the border—for example, into Poland. (Some estimates indicate that number of Ukrainian refugees could reach 5 million.) Putin has made thinly veiled threats to those who would dare to get in his way, reminding the world that Russia is a nuclear power. Yet, it's far more



Col. Wayne E. Dillingham

likely he'd unleash potentially devastating cyber attacks rather than uncork the nuclear genie. No one wins once nukes start flying. (That applies even to smaller tactical nuclear weapons, not just the larger strategic weapons.) Yet, as is the case with Kim Jong Un, Putin is unpredictable. They both enjoy it that way, and they're both laser-focused on power and the perceived glory of their respective regimes. It's a threat that we cannot afford to take lightly. Given the recent indications of Putin's stress, outrage over setbacks, and perhaps even a growing mental instability, we absolutely must remain cautious. Nothing good could come from our backing Putin with his nuclear arsenal into a corner where he perceives he has nothing to lose. (We've seen reports that he may have already used cluster munitions and thermobaric weapons in densely populated areas. He may already perceive that nothing is off the table.) Most experts think that, at least for the moment, we're doing just about everything that can be done. I concur. Furthermore, it's currently hard to imagine any diplomatic solution that would satisfy Putin's lust for a larger empire and provide him a face-saving means of deescalation. Things are going to get much, much uglier before they get better—all around the world, but especially across Europe. May God bless the brave Ukrainian people for their resistance and our friends and allies who have joined in defiance of Putin's illegal aggression.

• Col. Wayne E. Dillingham, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Shelbyville



Fly Calendar for 2022

Keep the Fly Calendar close so you don't miss a thing. Follow the Fly's Facebook page and website for any new and exciting events that may be added to this preliminary calendar. www.flyartscenter.com.

March

14 –Potluck and Program
18, 19, 25, 26, 27 –'Til Beth Do Us Part

April

9 –Postcard and Paper Memorabilia Show
16 –Stephen King Immersive Event
28 –Bedford County Teacher's Youth Art Exhibit

May

9 –Potluck and Program

June

13 –Potluck and Program
16, 17, 18 –Children's Theatre presents Jungle Book by Vera Morris

July

1, 2, 8, 9, 10 –Biloxi Blues
11 –Potluck and Program

August

8 –Potluck and Program

September

2, 3, 9, 10, 11 –Twelve Angry Jurors
12 –Potluck and Program

October

8 –Write Now at the Fly
10 –Potluck and Program
21, 22 –Clue (Fundraiser)

November

14 –Potluck and Program
19 –Festival of Trees

December

2, 3, 9, 10, 11 –Dashing Through the Snow (Dinner Theatre)
12 –Potluck and Program

They're back!!

Arts Center reopens with full calendar

By **SHERRI FRAME**
Special to the T-G

They are back! After a long two years of closed doors, the Fly Arts Center has an incredible 2022 season planned, organizers note. On the calendar are shows and art classes to fund-raisers and potlucks.

When asked the reason for the Fly being closed longer than most, Bedford County Arts Council President and Theatre Director, Sue Thelen, said "The Fly made the decision based on the fact that as an all volunteer organization with most of those volunteers considered vulnerable. We felt obligated, in the interest of them and our attendees, not to put anyone at risk."

She added, "We are excited to reopen our doors and welcome everyone back to enjoy our events and plays in 2022."

The first event planned is the monthly potluck and program. This is held regularly at 6 p.m. on every second Monday of the month—except in January when the Fly is closed.

The public is invited to bring a dish, a friend and get to know more about the Fly and the many opportunities it offers. The first potluck and program of the year is scheduled for March 14 with Brenden Taylor sharing a bit of storytelling and musical entertainment.

Taylor has acted in and directed several plays at the Fly. In fact, he will be directing "Twelve Angry Jurors" in September.

Other programs scheduled for this year include visual artist and acrylic painter, Dee Foster; artist Crystal O'Neal and wire sculptor,



Rod Cleveland, grandson of Vannoy Streeter.

"Til Beth Do Us Part" is the play that will bring the Fly's quaint theatre back to life. Directed by Linda Wyant, this play tells the comedic story of a whirlwind assistant named Beth who turns a married couple's world upside down.

Dates for that play are March 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and on March 27 at 2 p.m. Other plays slated to be on stage this year are "Biloxi Blues" and "Dashing Through The Snow" with the latter being a dinner theatre at Christmastime.

And back on stage for the first

time since 2017, a children's play is in the works. "The Jungle Book" by Vera Morris will showcase our up-and-coming young actors. These events are just a handful of examples on the Fly's 2022 season calendar.

Amy Jo Krise has been with the Fly since 2010 serving as chair of the folk art and crafts. In 2018 she became the new chair in art education. This year's classes will include quilting and different variations of acrylic painting.

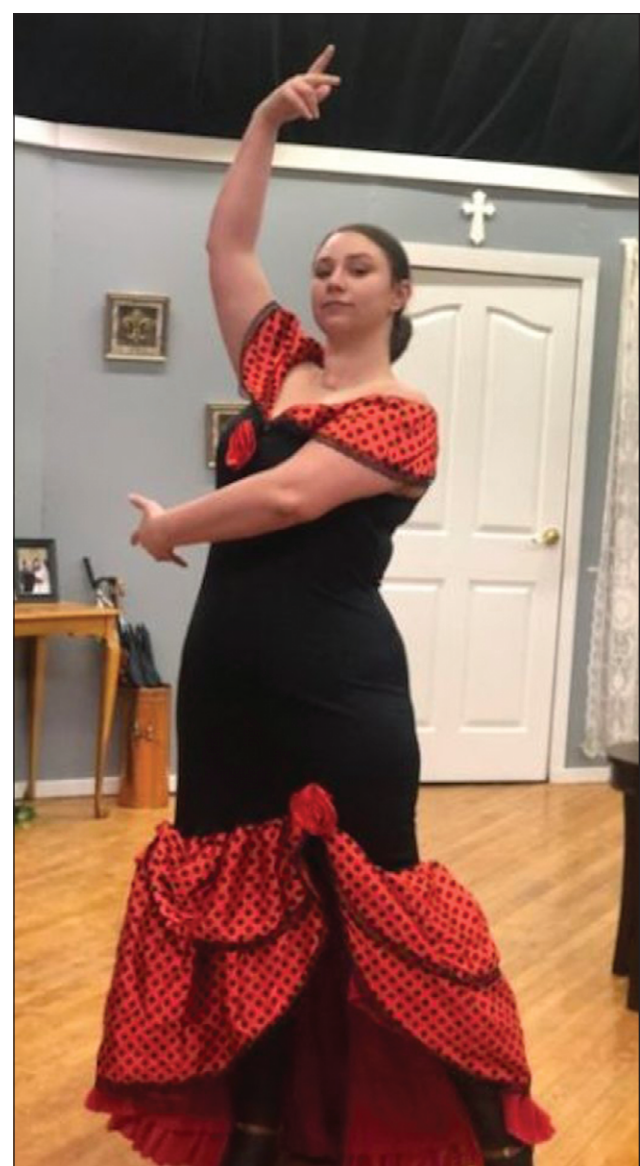
Krise said, "Join us and let your engagement with the Fly Arts Center and the community enrich your life."



The cast and crew of 'Til Beth Do Us Part, front row, from left Martin Jones (backstage and set work), Dianne Clanton (Suzannah), Linda Wyant (director), David Butner (Gibby). Back row, from left, Allie Minnick (Margo), Angela Schweppe (backstage and set work), Thomas Whitaker (sound), Kameron Adcock (backstage), Jeanne Edwards (Beth), and Brad Whitaker (Hank). Not pictured: Sherri Frame (lights), Sonnie Hughes, Jeff Wyant (set work), and Paris Adcock (backstage).



David Butner and Brad Whitaker portray long time friends in 'Til Beth Do Us Part'



"Margo" played by Allie Minnick, attempts a Latin dance in a scene where she hopes to attract a single man.



Freshman Lanaya Young has been a bright spot on the youthful Eaglette roster during her first season with the Eaglettes.



The Eaglettes huddle up with assistant coach Bri Potts.

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Sophomore forward Lilly Brown became a consistent scorer for Shelbyville as the season progressed.

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Senior Jaleigha Harris consistently led the Eaglettes in the scoring column throughout her career.

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Paige Blackburn has come on strong towards the end of the regular season and into the postseason. She scored a game-high 22 points in the District 6-AAAA consolation game.

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Youthful Eaglettes getting back to basics

By **GARY JOHNSON**
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To say that the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglette basketball program is going through a youth movement might be an understatement.

The Golden Eaglette basketball program has a rich, storied tradition that goes back many decades.

First-team coach Kyle Turnham brings back that old school philosophy that helped lead to all the success the program has enjoyed.

“When I accepted this job, what I wanted to bring back to this program was toughness, accountability, work ethic, and attitude. Those are the intangibles needed to lead to our success,” Turnham said.

“In essence, what I am doing is bringing back Coach (Rick) Insell’s blueprint and put it into play. I recognize we don’t have his players but we follow his blueprint. That started with the new elementary league that was a huge success this first year. Dr. (Tammy) Garrett was instrumental in getting that league started. We will

2021-2022 GOLDEN EAGLETTE ROSTER

No. 2	Jadyn Lee	Junior	Guard
No. 5	Jaz Western	Freshman	Guard
No. 10	Jaleigha Harris	Senior	Guard
No. 11	Paige Blackburn	Sophomore	Guard
No. 12	Lilly Brown	Sophomore	Forward
No. 20	Sammie Brown	Sophomore	Forward
No. 22	Tamara Uredi	Senior	Guard
No. 24	Lanaya Young	Freshman	Guard
No. 25	Abbi Storey	Freshman	Forward
No. 30	Kyra Elsbree	Sophomore	Center
No. 33	Lilly Gray	Freshman	Forward
No. 35	Chananzia Hix	Freshman	Forward
No. 44	Zoe Reed	Sophomore	Center

do some community service things and become more visible in the community each year and let Shelbyville know we are representing this community both on and off the floor.”

The Eaglettes have started that process and will continue it every year.

Turnham knew rebuilding this program would take time and patience and he and his team have experienced that this season.

The Eaglettes started out the season on a high note and collected a number of wins early, but as the season progressed the 6-AAAA schedule became more chal-

lenging.

There were a few growing pains and a completely new way of doing things.

“We overhauled this program from A-to-Z, 180 degrees from where it was. Then throw in the fact that we really didn’t have an off-season and summer to work together,” Turnham said. “What we didn’t know was how the players were going to respond. As a general rule overall, I have been very, very proud of our players and how they have responded. Granted, there have been some times where there have been some peaks and valleys because I’m tough and I’m demanding and detailed and I’m big on accountability, attitude and body language and things of that nature.”

With one upperclassman in the starting lineup, there most definitely is a youth movement on hand and when that happens you can expect a lot growing pains along the way. On the flip side, a lot of young players are getting a lot of playing time early in their high school careers.

For the most part, the Eaglettes’ starting line-up consists of senior Jaleigha Harris,

sophomores Paige Blackburn, Lilly Brown and Sammie Brown along with freshman Lanaya Young.

“Yes, we are very young and that’s always a challenge. But with state-ranked Coffee County and Warren County, along with a much improved Franklin County in our district, it even becomes more of a challenge. But there is no doubt in my mind we are a better team than we were back in January,” Turnham said. “Playing Coffee County to the wire was a big step in the right direction as well.”

Shelbyville ran into that difficult district slate in the 6-AAAA tournament. After falling to Warren County in the semifinals, Shelbyville rebounded and gave Franklin County a fit in the district consolation game, but fell just short in a 47-44 final score.

The Eaglettes’ season came to a close in the Region 3-AAAA quarterfinals at Bradley Central on Friday night.

Shelbyville finished the season with an 11-14 overall record.

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FCE CLUBS MEET

Shelbyville FCE Club met on Feb. 1 at the Extension Office with 7 members present, as well as Extension Agent Whitney Danhof.

President Helen Williams opened the meeting with a tip to improve heart health. She then called the meeting to order with the "The Knot Prayer." Barbara Dawson continued with the devotion entitled "Storms", with text from Matthew 8:24 and a prayer.

Members responded to the roll call by answering the question "Did you ever make anything out of macrame when it was popular in the 1970s?" with many members responding 'yes.' Secretary Linda Rucker read the minutes from the club's Oct. 5 meeting.

Treasurer Babs Chicoine reported on the club finances, and Margaret Hix, Sunshine chairperson, reported that there were no additions to the Sunshine report for the past month.

In club business, Helen reminded the members that the club needs to plan one community service project for this year. Many suggestions were immediately provided by members, who were encouraged to continue to think of other possible projects for discussion at the next meeting.

Helen reminded members that Family Community Leadership applications are due March 1, with the training to be held in April in Lebanon. At this time, a Countywide Meeting entitled 'Pie for Pi' is scheduled for March 14 at the extension office. The FCE State Conference will be held in November in Franklin. Local clubs will be responsible for supplying the craft store.

Extension Agent Whitney Danhof then instructed the club in the construction of a Macrame Valentine heart. She provided illustrations, written instructions, and materials for club members to make their own macrame hearts. Members enjoyed reviving their knotting skills with this craft!

Members brought a variety of projects to share with the club. Helen shared refrigerator magnets made from wine corks and wooden block house candle holders. Lucile Sorrells had made a quilt using her granddaughter's college t-shirts and a decorative table-top tree made from twisted wool strips.

Helen then adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be April 5 at the extension office.

Liberty FCE met Feb. 21 at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. Call to order was "The Knot Prayer" read by Lynn Wilhelm. Dorris Turrentine had the devotion entitled "Different Seasons of Life."

Members answered the roll call answering the question - "Did you ever make anything out of macramé when it was popular in the 1970's?"

Dorris Turrentine read the minutes from the December Meeting.

The educational lesson was given by Whitney Danhof was on Macramé and each club member made a macramé keychain.

Sunshine Report: Debbie Parker and Ardis Rittenberry had birthdays in February. Club member demonstrations: Dorris Turrentine - child's sweatshirt with appliquéed cats on it.

The next meeting will be 6 p.m., Monday, March 21, at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

Repairs continue on Raus schoolhouse

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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The tornado that hit the Raus community on Dec. 6, tore off roofs, downed trees and power lines as well as hit the historic Raus Schoolhouse. A workman was on site when it happened and explained that it literally pushed in the side kitchen wall, went through the building and blew out the front entrance; which completely removed the front doors and windows.

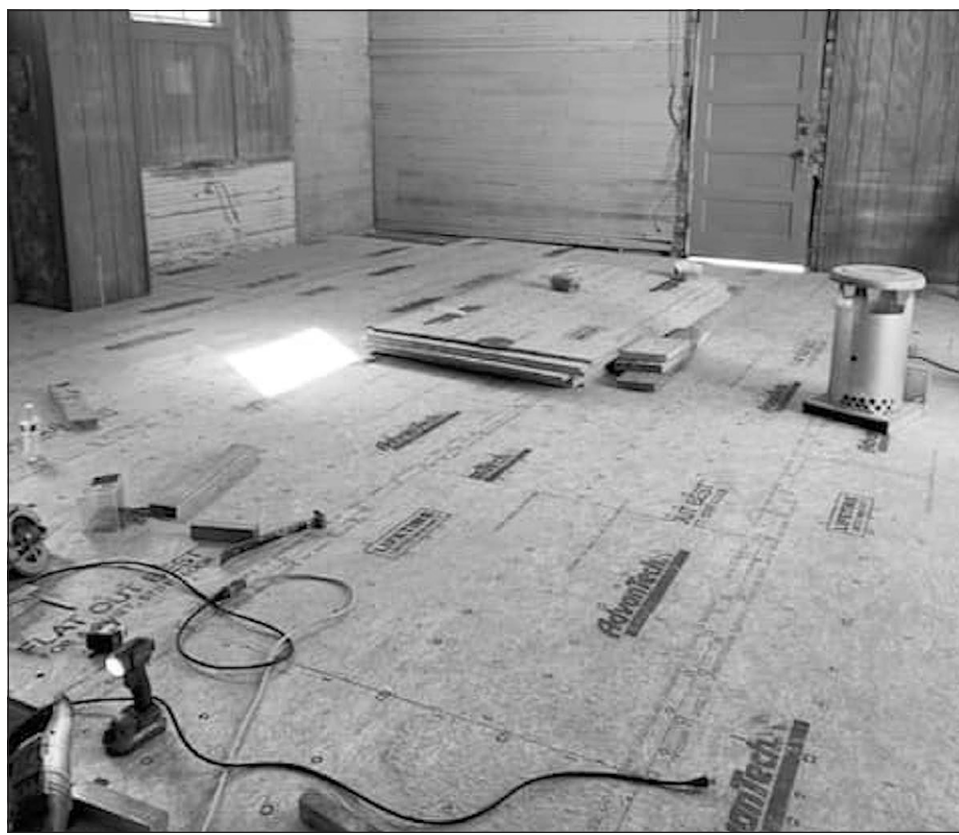
A couple of structural engineers met, and decided to try to "pop" out the kitchen wall before removing and rebuilding the entire wall. Work organizers said they all had our fingers crossed as the rebuilding would have been costly.

The machine used to bring the historic house back to life is known as a telehandler which is like a telescopic forklift. It grabbed the kitchen wall and slowly pulls it out in its original position.

This plan was report to be a success.

The work schedule now is for the front entrance to be constructed on good weather days. On rainy days, the work crew will resume work in the kitchen to install a new floor.

Organizers for little schoolhouse repair said they're anticipating that all work will be completed and the new kitchen will be serviceable to the community in time for the annual ice cream social on June 11.



TOP: Current flooring work is underway at Raus Schoolhouse.

MIDDLE: A Telehandler recently grabbed out a wall that was destroyed by the Dec. 6 tornado.

BOTTOM: Front work construction continues on Raus Schoolhouse.

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IT'S SHOW TIME!

UPCOMING PLAY

Community High Theatre's spring play will feature the comedy "Spirit Level"—a new play by Pam Valentine centering around the exploits of two ghosts who still haunt their old home. When a young newlywed couple moves in, the ghosts try and scare them away, but soon find that this couple may be the key to their own future happiness. Show times are Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Motlow's Tracey Lee is featured speaker

LYNCHBURG, Tenn.—Nashville resident Tracey Lee, business and technology curriculum chair at Motlow State Community College, will be a featured speaker at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) Open Education Week 2022, which runs March 7-11.

It is free to register for the event. Open Education Week is a collaborative, community built, open forum aimed at raising awareness and highlighting innovative open education successes worldwide. Lee's presentation, on March 8, at 10 a.m., will focus on how Motlow State incorporates Open Educational Resources (OER) materials in the Adult College Express (ACE) program to provide an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree in business office and entrepreneurship with no textbook costs.

OER materials are the newest trend across educational institutions," explained Lee. "They remove financial barriers for students who might otherwise not take a class or finish their degree on time because of the cost of textbooks."Tennessee students enrolled in public institutions spent an average of \$1,400 on course



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materials in the 2018-19 academic year."

In Fall 2019, the average cost of materials for community college students was \$119 per course. Last year, a Treasury Department report noted that Motlow State was recognized as a leader in controlling the cost of college attendance.

Motlow has multiple OER initiatives in place, and also offers numerous other classes in other areas that offer OER course options. Motlow developed OER materials to use as student learning resources instead of textbooks. These are available to students at no charge. The College has developed more than 50 OER courses, including history, biology, communication, English, math, music, sociology, and many more.

8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST



Liberty School 8th grade principal's list, from left, Izaiah Haacke, Trista Klinetobe, Anna Haskins, Sabrina Souphom, Eddie Saldierna, Jack Conditt, Slade Leftrick and Austin Guthrie.

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Mark McGee
My Take

What in the world?

It is never a great idea to start a story or a column with a question, but what is happening in the world around us today can only produce a long list of questions.

CoVid-19 which despite all the good news of lower infections and deaths is expected to always be looming over us with what appears to be an endless cycle of variants. Russia talks of possible use of nuclear weapons as it struggles to take over Ukraine in what many believe is just the start for Vladimir Putin.

Suicides are increasing. Opioid use is at a record high. Common courtesy has become a thing of the past.

Homelessness continues to rise. You don't have to go to a big city to experience this problem. Just look around Shelbyville.

Rampant inflation is showing no signs of slowing down. Supply shortages are resulting in empty shelves for food and other items. The speculation that climate issues are going to cause problems continue on many levels. Crime is so rampant, especially in larger cities that riding a subway, going to school, walking on the street, or shopping in a mall or grocery store are all death-defying feats.

Life is imitating the promo for his television networks version of "A Christmas Carol" created by Bill Murray's character, Frank Cross, in the movie "Scrooged."

That's some of the big stuff. But what about the individual craziness all around us. Most of that revolves around crimes. You have to be watchful wherever you might be because you never know when a dangerous situation is going to confront you.

It used to be you avoided certain parts of town or certain places of business because the odds were good you might get in trouble. Now, even if you are careful about your surroundings, you can't feel confident you are safe.

Just driving down a street or highway can open you up to being shot by a driver experiencing road rage for whatever reason.

Those committing all of those crimes are getting lower bails and many have multiple arrests making you wonder why they are still walking the streets. Law enforcement is vilified due to the actions of a few who have overstepped their boundaries.

Back in 1970 The Temptations released a song titled "Ball of Confusion (That Is What The World Is Today)". The 60s and 70s were turbulent decades to be sure, but nothing like what we are experiencing today.

It has been said that since the world began it started collapsing. We appear to be on an accelerated trip to destruction if things don't change.

• Mark McGee is executive director of United Way of Bedford County and a former editor of the Times-Gazette.



My wall in my home office with several of Gramma Eskeys rugs and other collections.

Celebrating "Women's History Month"



Doug Dezotell

Musings and Memories

Today is the first Saturday of March 2022, and it is also the first Saturday of "Women's History Month."

I want to dedicate my column for the four Saturdays of March 2022 to Some Amazing Women of Faith in our Nation's History. So, here goes...

Navajo matriarch, Irene Eskey, was born in the Spring of 1906, in early April when the cactus were blooming.

Irene was born in a hogan on the Navajo Reservation in the high desert of Northern Arizona. And she went to meet with her Lord and Savior, face to face, on Saturday, February 18, 2022.

She spent her nearly 116 years of life living on that Reservation, and she shared her faith in Christ with hundreds, if not thousands, of people throughout her long life.

Gramma Eskey, as she was so affectionately called, became a dear friend of mine back in 1985 when I preached at her Black Rock church for the first time. I was serving as the pastor of the First Assembly of God in Floydada, Texas back then.

I was invited to come out to the Navajo Reservation and preach a week-long series of services at the church near Black Rock (a black colored mesa on the desert) where Gramma Eskey's daughter, Sister Liz Eskey served as the pastor.

My earliest memory of Gramma Eskey was on the morning after my arrival on the reservation.

I came out of the hogan where I was staying, and I followed my nose and the wonderful aroma of breakfast being cooked over an open fire.

Then I saw Gramma Eskey kneeling in front of a firepit where she was grilling mutton ribs. Not too far behind her hung a sheep she had killed that morning for our meals that week.

That "sacrificial lamb" would provide not only that breakfast for me and the Eskey family, but meals all week long for everybody who came to the Revival Meeting that week.

After breakfast was served, Gramma prepared the meat, and she made a huge pot of mutton stew that would feed the crowd of worshippers.

People came from all over the hills and mesas in that part of the reservation for the services. Most of them spent the week



Gramma Eskey with her sheep.

sleeping on the church floor or in the back of their trucks or in their cars.

The nightly services started before sunset and went long into the night. And after every meeting that week, Gramma, gracious hostess that she was, served meals for everybody.

Gramma Eskey, Pastor Liz and several church members prepared and served meals three times a day for about 30 people that week.

Gramma cooked, baked and prayed all day long to get ready for the services.

Let me tell you about the "church building" where we held our meetings that week.

I was so impressed by the ingenuity of Gramma and Liz as they built their own place to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

They had gathered wood from across the hills, used lumber, dead tree branches, old hoods from semi-trucks and pickups, and old canvas tarps to build the walls and roof of their sanctuary.

I had brought about 20 folding chairs from my church in Texas to give to the congregation there at Black Rock. Before that, worshippers sat on the old carpets covering the dirt floors.

A church in California had given Gramma and Liz a gas-powered generator to use for the evening services; and the ladies had strung several lines of electric lights across the ceiling to provide illumination.

The generator also powered the amplifiers for the electric guitar players who led the singing in the worship services.

There wasn't electricity or running water there at Black Rock, and the only time that generator was used was for revival meetings.

Gramma Eskey never did have running water,

indoor plumbing, or electricity in her home or on her family property. And that was just fine with her.

She hauled her water for bathing and cooking, and used kerosene lanterns to provide light, and had an outhouse off in the distance.

That was the way she lived for 115 years.

We drove up into the hills several times that week to go to a communal well to pump water and fill tanks with fresh, cold water, and we brought it back to the Eskey Camp at Black Rock.

Irene Eskey was also a shepherd. She raised sheep all of her life.

Gramma and her family had built a rugged corral for their flock their on their property. And every morning one of the family members would take the sheep out to graze on the rocky hills, and then lead them home in the afternoon.

I was so impressed with Gramma's "heart of a servant."

Every time I visited her over the years she was busy baking or cooking, or making jewelry or kneeling at her loom weaving rugs.

I have several small rugs she wove hanging on the wall of my office at home.

When I left Black Rock after that first Revival back in 1985, I was given two beautiful rugs Gramma had woven from her own sheep's wool, and some turquoise and silver jewelry a family member had made.

Those were gifts that I have treasured all these years.

Gramma Irene Eskey was my friend. And she was a woman of prayer.

I visited the Reservation multiple times over the years and attended numerous revival meetings in the big Gospel Tents. Before every service I would see Gramma kneeling in prayer at the



Gramma Irene Eskey on her first trip to the Grand Canyon.

altars set up in the front of the tent.

She would be praying for the Holy Spirit to speak through the preachers, and for souls to be saved, and bodies to be healed.

When the music started, Gramma would take her seat in the front row and join in as the crowd began worshipping the Lord.

When the altar call was given at the close of the preacher's message, people would come to the altar to receive Jesus' salvation or healing for their bodies. And Gramma would be there to pray for and with the people.

On one of my trips out to Black Rock, I talked to Gramma into letting me take her to the Grand Canyon. This beautiful National Park is just several hours away from her home, but she had never been there before.

I have always been in awe at the Canyon's beauty and grandeur, but I had to laugh when Gramma got her first look into the Grand Canyon and just wasn't impressed.

She had lived on the high desert of Northern Arizona all of her life and

she was around deep canyons, and high mountains, plateaus and mesas, and amazing rock formations since childhood, so I guess the National Park was just another canyon, or a big hole in the ground.

We stopped in Flagstaff after visiting the Grand Canyon that day, and I took Gramma to McDonalds for dinner.

She sat quietly, nibbling on a cheeseburger, staring out the window. I asked her what she was thinking about, and she replied softly, "Mutton stew."

Gramma was a shepherdess, a jeweler, a weaver, a prayer-warrior, and a Woman of God who made a quiet and peaceful impact on every person she met.

Irene Eskey was a living part of Native American history.

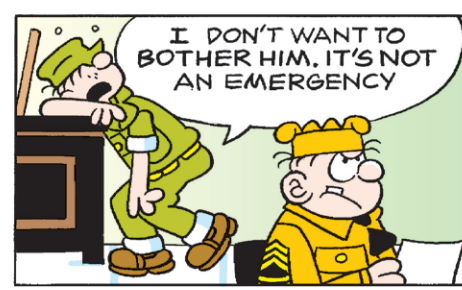
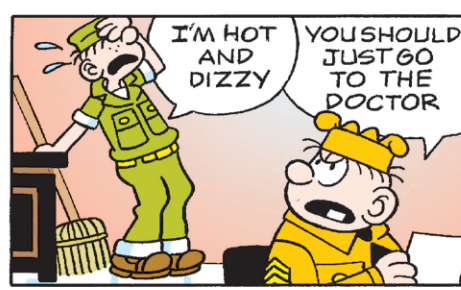
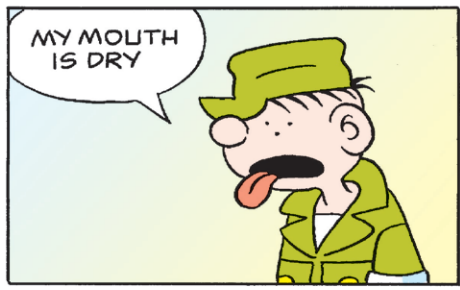
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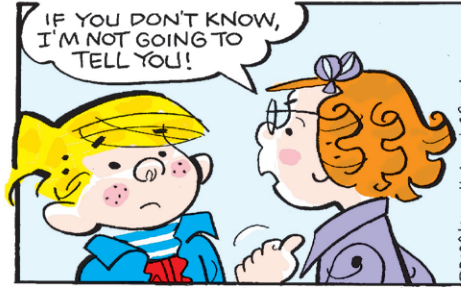
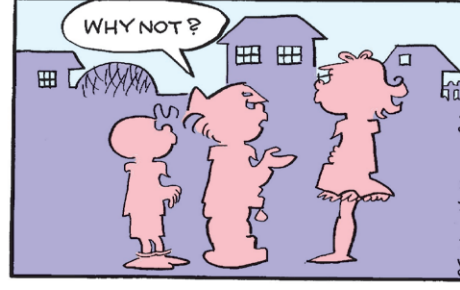
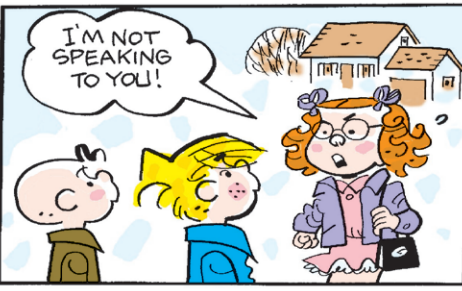
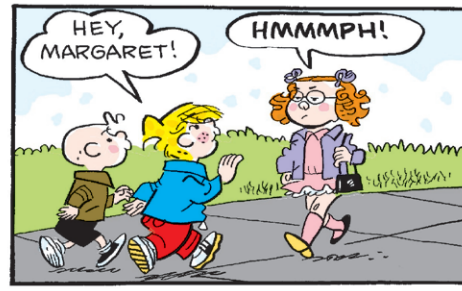
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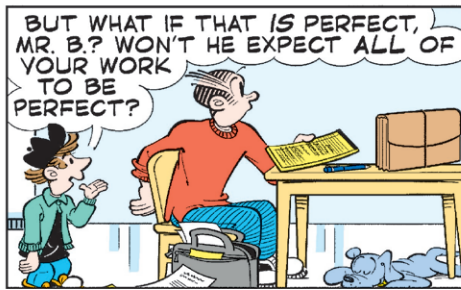
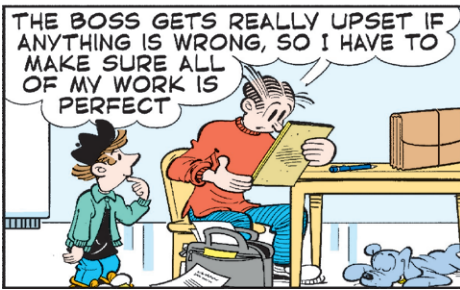
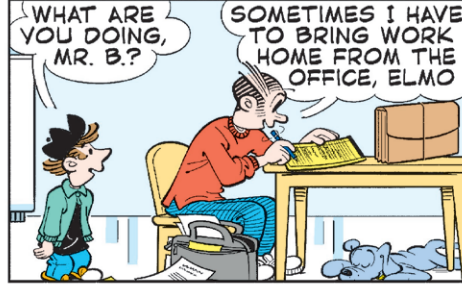
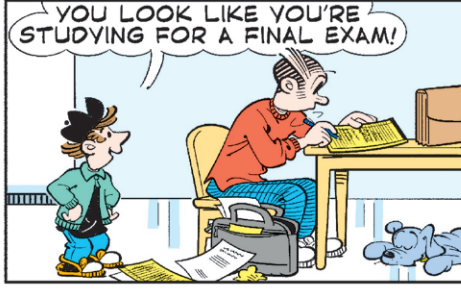
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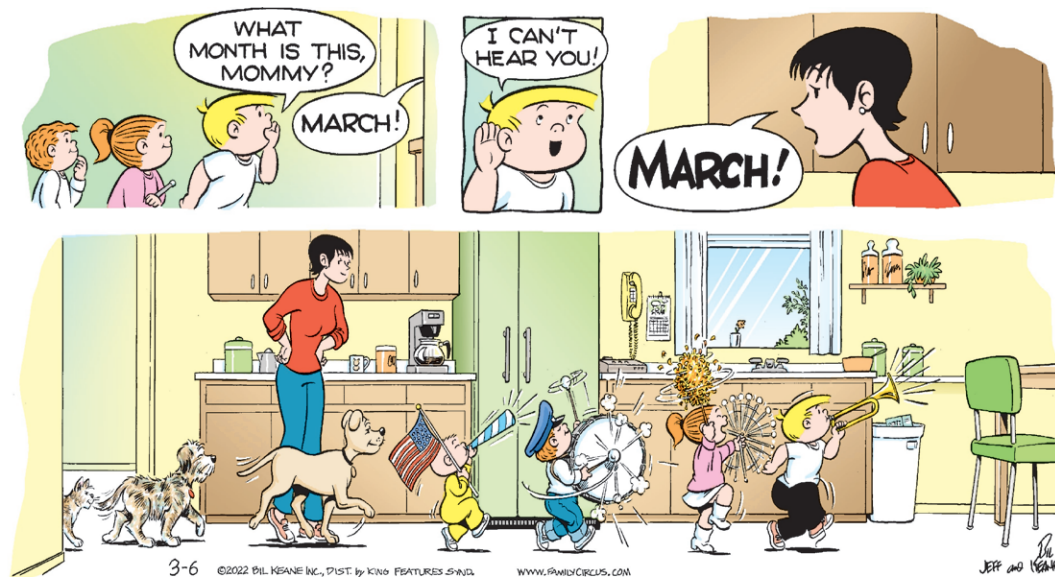
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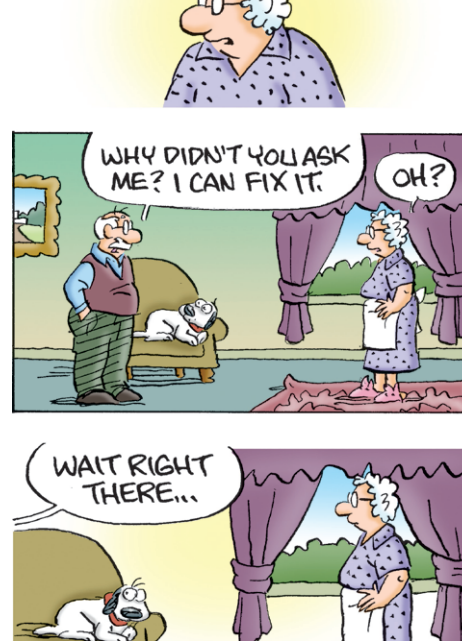
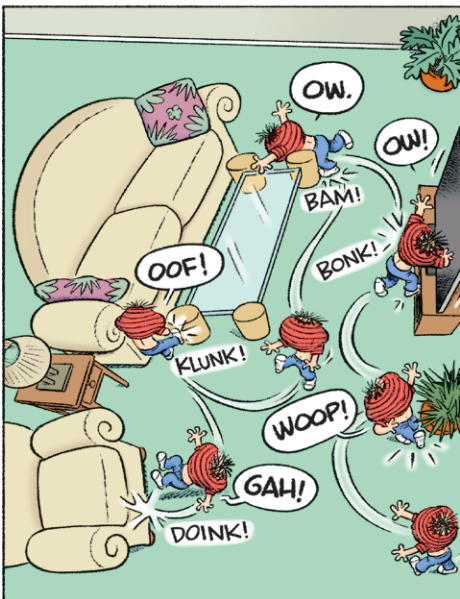
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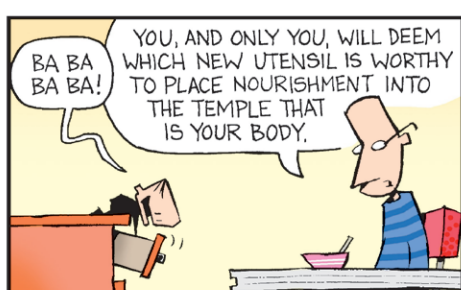
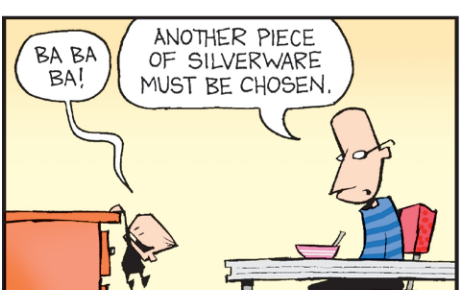
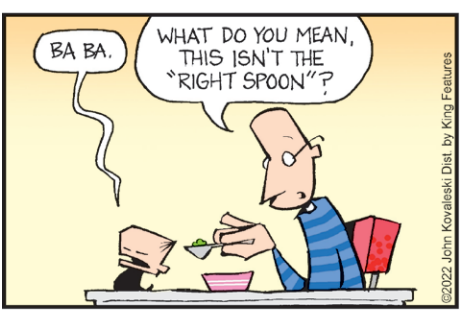
The FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



Baby Blues



DADDY DAZE



SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

You Can Tell This Is a Healthy Cereal Because It Has a Photo of a Person Eating It on the Box

YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT...

UH, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE REALLY QUIET THIS MORNING DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG, RIGHT?

TED, I JUST WOKE UP. I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD MY COFFEE YET. I'VE BARELY STARTED MY DAY. SO JUST... JUST GIVE ME A FEW MOMENTS.

I MADE UP A SONG IN MY HEAD ABOUT THE CEREAL I'M EATING.

I...FINE. JUST SKIP TO THE CHORUS. THEN I'M GOING TO MAKE ESPRESSO.

HEY! I'VE HEARD OF YOU TWO!

YOU'RE THE MORI GIRLS!

NOT YOU!!

YOU'RE NOT TRENDING!

STAND HERE AND BEHAVE YOURSELF WHILE I THINK ABOUT LETTING YOU IN.

WELL, THAT RIPS IT...

IF THAT LOWLIFE IS IN THE CLUB WITH ABEO AND NAVO, HE BEARS WATCHING.

AS GUESTS IN MAWITANA, IT'S ONLY GOOD MANNERS TO DANCE LIKE MAWITANA GIRLS. DON'T YOU THINK? ARE WE DOING IT RIGHT?

HAHA! OF COURSE WE ARE, NAVO! SO EASY!

IN THE MORI TONGUE

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

COMING THROUGH...

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IN THE MORI TONGUE

Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

IT FEELS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE.

WELCOME

IT'S BEEN SO COLD LATELY.

FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

FREEZING.

I WISH WE COULD AFFORD TO GO SOMEPLACE WARM FOR OUR WINTER VACATION.

AQUATIC CENTER

MOST PEOPLE CAN'T.

WOMEN LOCK ROOM

WELL, AT LEAST WE HAVE OUR LOCAL "Y."

POOL

THE PALM TREES ARE A NICE TOUCH.

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

GUYS! LOOK WHAT I JUST FOUND IN MY PHOTOS!

THAT'S THE TRIP WE TOOK TO DISNEYLAND WHEN I WAS SIX.

YOU WERE SO CUTE!

I BET WE WENT ON THE JUNGLE CRUISE RIDE TEN TIMES THAT WEEKEND.

THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER IS BARFING ON THE TEACUPS, AND DAD HAVING TO WEAR A PAIR OF MINNIE MOUSE SWEATPANTS UNTIL WE GOT BACK TO THE HOTEL SO HE COULD CHANGE.

LEAVE IT TO JEREMY TO FIND THE POTHOLES IN MEMORY LANE.

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"A LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE ITS SPOTS, LEROY... BUT YOU CAN IF YOU CHANGE YOUR SHIRT."

"THIS IS WHERE YOU FELL ASLEEP WHEN WE FIRST SAW THIS MOVIE... REMEMBER?"

"IT SAYS... 'TO BE CONTINUED.'"

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BARTK

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I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR MYSELF SAY THIS... BUT DO YOU THINK THIS COVER NEEDS MORE TRASH?

A TIP OF THE FUNKY FELT-TIP TO JAMES PASCOE, ROB RO, AND CHUCK AYERS!

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox, working with the Egyptian antiquities authorities, entered this ancient tomb deep inside a pyramid. After finding evidence in the tomb, Slylock concluded that someone else discovered the tomb and revealed the bricks before he arrived. What evidence did Slylock observe?

Solution -- Slylock saw eyeglasses on the shelf above his lantern. Eyeglasses were not invented for thousands of years after this tomb was sealed.

Spot six differences between these panels.

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BAKERY

Answer -- Light, hat, eyebrows, handbag, shoe and cookie.

"YOUR HOMEMADE PRESERVES... THEY'RE NOT MY JAM."

HOW TO DRAW a penguin

WEBER 3-6

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Owen, age 10

A group of penguins in the water is called a raft, but on land they're called a ...

- Suit
- Crowd
- Waddle
- Throng

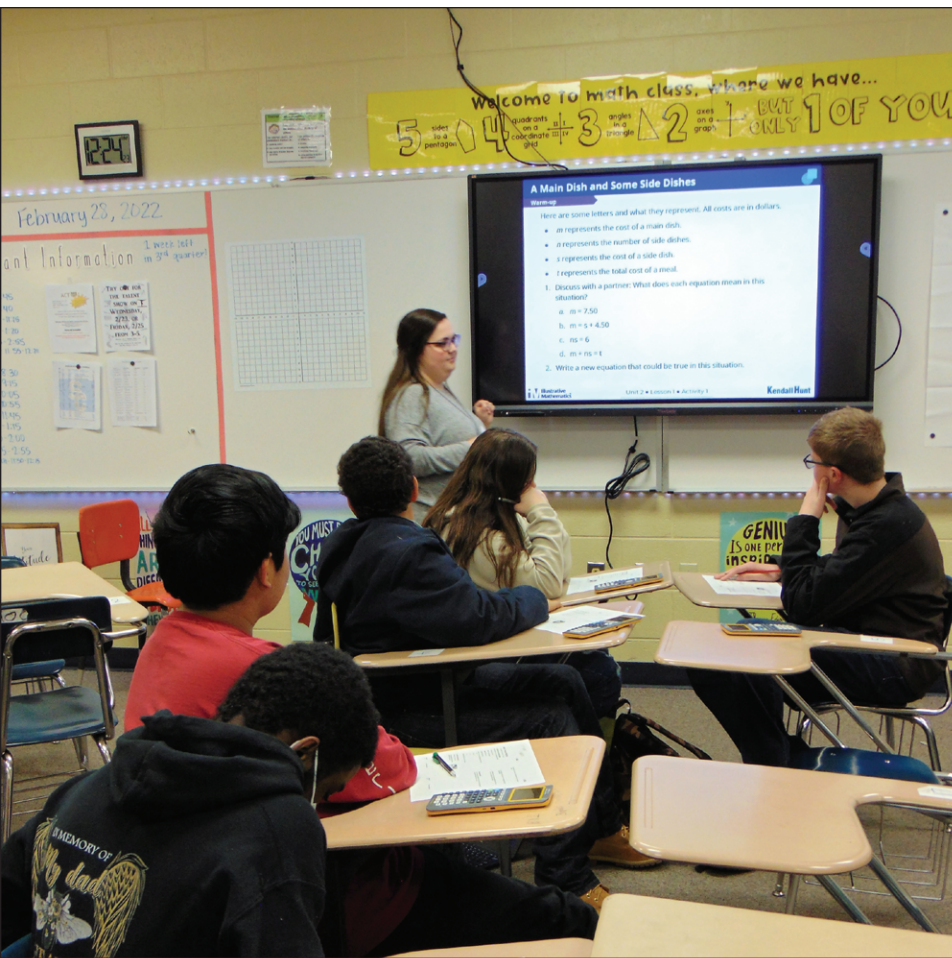
Answer (c) Also called a colony and flockery.

Submit your drawing to www.slylockfox.com

Answer -- Light, hat, eyebrows, handbag, shoe and cookie.

NEW! Slylock Fox: Spot the Six Differences book is here! Available at www.slylockfox.com

"WHEN YOU TOOK DRIVER'S ED... WAS IT A CRASH COURSE?"



Magen Williams is a Shelbyville Central High math teacher and one of the volunteering teachers testing out the new resources. This is her first full year of teaching and her first class trying out the new materials.



Williams said she found the Illustrative Math program very user friendly, which helps her provide interactive lessons for her individualized education program (IEP) class, shown here.

Testing new math resources

Teachers give positive feedback

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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Several Bedford County School math teachers are testing out new supplemental math resources in their classrooms this semester ahead of the math adoption year.

The school system was presented with the opportunity to utilize two new materials before the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) releases the complete list of resources next year, according to Erin Phillips, Bedford County Schools director of curriculum and instruction.

“So often in the textbook adoption process, you are just viewing the materials, not using them,” said Phillips. “But as educators, we know it’s very different when you start implementing those materials.”

“This supplemental resource experience was important to us because we really wanted our teachers to have ownership of the process.”

The 2022-23 school year is a math adoption year in which the TDOE will release a complete list of potential materials

that districts can select to adopt. Then years 2023-24 will be implementation years, when textbooks become available for both students and parents to review, Phillips explained.

“So, we’re really getting ahead of the game.”

BCS will create an “adoption committee” made up of teachers. They will consider only the “green lighted” material. “Green lighted” is a standard by EdReports, a national group that rates curriculum based on usability, accessibility, and content, agrees are user friendly and rigorous.

Kindergarten through 8th grade use Ready Math, which BCS anticipates will be on the state list again. Phillips said they received feedback from the high school level math teachers, saying they hadn’t had any new material in a while.

BCS hosted an interest meeting last December and invited all high school algebra I & II and geometry teachers. Five teachers from Cascade and Shelbyville Central high schools volunteered to test out the material. They

were then given the choice to use the new material in all or some classes.

Three of the teachers are “veterans” while the rest are new teachers, which provides a good mix of representation, BCS communications coordinator Carol Garrette said. Phillips added that the teachers received training before and after Christmas break and began utilizing the material in January.

Primarily, this opportunity to test out new material is to help provide more options for students. According to Phillips, the biggest difference in this new material is the use of more conceptual-based math problems versus procedural.

Meeting monthly, Phillips said the math teachers have remained positive about the material, saying more students are turning in their homework and showing proficiency, while participation in class even of students who were not confident in math has increased.

“That’s why we wanted to try it out to get honest feedback from our teacher. And I think we got

that,” said Phillips.

The main drawback with the new material is the increase in preparation as teachers create their lesson plans. Phillips said it’s a shift in thinking.

In addition to being more rigorous, the new material’s conceptual-based math problems create real-world situations and require multi-step processes to solve, according to Phillips. This shift to conceptual math (the understanding why a problem involves these steps) is occurring across the state.

The school system has partnered with Instruction Partners, an outside vendor, to gain access to the materials. They are a nation-wide education vendor that Phillips said are supporting them as teachers “feel” the material.

“Within the materials that are going to be on the state adoption list which we haven’t seen all of yet; we’re just testing out one small snapshot there’s going to be all the elements of math. There’s going to be the procedural elements, the application element, and the conceptual element...So

students can do all three,” Phillips said. These materials will most likely come in paper-based curricula and online resources.

For example, one of the resources that is available and that all the teachers volunteering wanted to try is Illustrative Mathematics. Based in Arizona, they offer a “suite of math curricula, designed to encourage engaging mathematical discussion, supported by tasks, lesson plans, professional learning, and community,” according to their website.

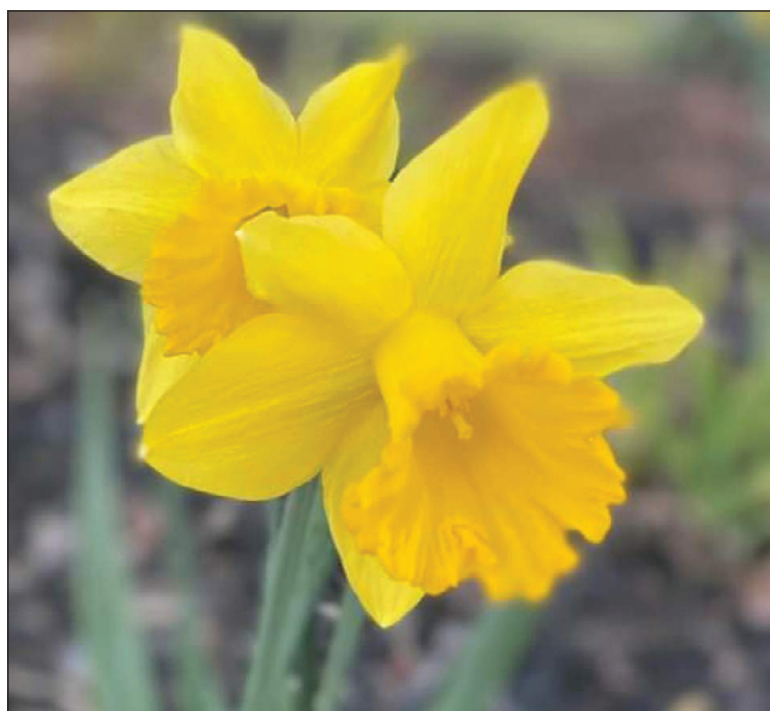
Phillips explained this “supplemental resource experience” is not a “pre-determined decision.”

“We’re going to use the voices of these five teachers to say we liked these supplemental resources, or we really didn’t like them. It’s just a layer of perspective we haven’t had,” she said.

“We really wanted this to be about empowerment and not a mandate.”

EXTRA DOSE OF SUNSHINE

Dianne Ratley took these buttercup photos in Shelbyville this week. No doubt, the bright yellow brightens up any corner.



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It’s a 5K run/walk!

BY **DAWN HANKINS**
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Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic, 846 Union St., will have its annual 5K run and 1 mile walk fundraiser Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Registration the day of the event is from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

at Calsonic Arena pavilion next to the big water tower. Participants may pre-register at www.reg2run.com. Kids age 10 and under participate free with an adult registration.

This is a dog-friendly event, according to organizers. Spectators are also welcome and are urged to bring lawn chairs.

Just recently, 30 cats were “fixed” and received necessary shots. Spring is the time to start thinking



about this aspect of pet healthcare, according to MTSNC Director Kimberly Warren.

About the clinic

MTSNC is a nonprofit, low cost, high quality, specialty veterinary clinic located in Shelbyville on Union Street. Have you just adopted a cat or dog? Or are you still thinking about getting a pet? Whichever it is - new pet or still considering - don't forget to get it “fixed.” Spaying--removing

the ovaries and uterus of a female pet--is a veterinary procedure that requires minimal hospitalization and offers lifelong health benefits.

Neutering--removing the testicles of your male dog or cat--will vastly improve your pet's behavior and keep him close to home.

The mission at the Middle Tennessee Spay and Neuter Clinic is to alleviate pet overpopulation by providing affordable spay/neuter services for dogs and cats belonging to responsible pet owners and caretakers in the middle Tennessee area and to provide and promote education for the humane care and treatment for all animals.

For more information, call 931-684-5353.

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The Community Viqueens pose after winning the Region 4-AA basketball championship.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

Viqueens take home region crown

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

WHITES CREEK — Hard work and perseverance brought about a reward for the Community Viqueens Wednesday night.

The Viqueens used an effective offensive scheme that produced several points from inside the paint and some key baskets from the perimeter while the defense played lights out for 32 minutes as the Viqueens took home the Region 4-AA championship by defeating the East Nashville Lady Eagles 53-41.

Community (25-7) never trailed in the contest, but the game was not without its anxious moments as the Viqueens thwarted every Lady Eagle comeback attempt to take home its first region championship since 2016.

“We knew it was going to be a challenge tonight and the team was up for it and we got it done,” Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said.

Despite traveling a large distance to play East Nashville in a gym where the Lady Eagles had recently won the District 8-AA championship, the Viqueens came out of the gate hot and were not deterred by the surroundings.

Haley Mitchell connected on two treys to give the Viqueens an early 6-2 first-quarter lead.

M.J. Simmons scored six points from her post position as Community used a 9-0 run to take a 12-2 lead with 2:23 remaining. The Lady Eagles battled back to cut the deficit in the final minutes as the Viqueens took a 16-8 lead to the second quarter.

“We did a good job making good passes and we got some layups out of them and we hit some big shots outside,” Pierce said.

Mitchell drilled her third trey as the Viqueens took a 21-10 lead with 6:11 left. The Lady Eagles fought back with a 6-0 run and trailed 25-20 with 19 seconds remaining before the momentum went back to Community in the waning seconds.

After the Viqueens passed the ball for the last shot, Addison Brothers was fouled attempting a three-pointer just before the buzzer.

Brothers connected on all three free throws to give the Viqueens a 28-20 lead at the intermission.

As East Nashville pumped up the heat with a



Viqueen players Addison Brothers, Haley Mitchell, and M. J. Simmons were among the players named to the 4-AA All-Region team, with Simmons taking home MVP honors.

swarming full-court defense the entire second half, the Viqueens were challenged to defend the ball and their lead.

The Lady Eagles cut the Viqueen lead to 28-24 in

the third quarter before a three-pointer by Brothers stymied the East Nashville comeback.

Community could only manage eight points in the quarter and saw Breanna

Whitaker pick up her fourth foul, but the Viqueen defense only allowed 10 Lady Eagle points as the Viqueens took a 36-30 advantage to the

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‘The real deal’ East Nashville ends Vikes’ season

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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WHITES CREEK — The East Nashville Eagles built a pretty big reputation into a three-loss season by the time they reached the Region 4-AA semifinals.

The Eagles were as good as advertised as they handled the Community Vikings in a 79-40 win to end Community’s season.

“Those three guards are the real deal. They’re just great athletes that have been playing together now for three years. When you run into teams like that, you have to hope you play really great basketball and they have an off night. It didn’t happen tonight,” Viking coach Robbie Davis said.

East’s game plan was to cause as many turnovers as possible and work the ball in transition.

East pushed the lead to 21-5 with just over three minutes left in the first quarter on back-to-back NBA-range 3-pointers by Jaylen Jones.

Community answered with their best run of the night and put together an 8-0 run including a transition 3-pointer by senior Stratton Lovvorn.

But the Eagles responded on a 22-5 run in the second quarter to take a 47-20 lead at the half.

East went on to finish the game with four players in double figures, with Jones’ 25 points leading all scorers.

Lovvorn’s 12 points was the top mark for the Vikings.



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Stratton Lovvorn battles his way through the pesky East Nashville defense and goes up for two. He led the Vikings with 12 points in his last game with Community.

While the game finished in the same manner it started, Community hung tough and fought to the end.

For two seniors, it would suit up for the Purple and Gold.

Stratton Lovvorn and Trace Broiles helped the Vikings build what’s been an memorable run in the past several years, including the first-ever trip to the state tournament last year.

“Our two seniors Trace and Strat, have both been huge. They’re quality guys. They’re both going to be in the top 10 in their class and go on to college. They’re going to be good dads and good husbands. They got to play in the state tournament. Not many seniors come through here have gotten to say that. It hurts now, but they’ll remember the good. These kids

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Champs’ road ends in region semifinals

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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WHITES CREEK — An early deficit to the Pearl Cohn Firebirds in the Region 4-AA semifinals ultimately proved Cascade’s undoing in a season-ending 72-59 loss on Tuesday night.

During the first quarter, it became clear Pearl Cohn’s plan was to attack the boards and limit second-chance opportunities for Cascade.

“We didn’t get many second chance looks. That wasn’t because they didn’t fundamentally block out, they were just that much more athletic. They pursued the ball really well. We struggled with that,” Champion coach Chris Lawson said.

Doyel Cockrill also became a huge thorn in the Champs’ side as the game progressed.

In the first quarter, Pearl Cohn relied on a balanced attack that saw five different Firebirds score.

After Jackson Davis hit a basket with 3:18 left in the first to cut the lead to three points, senior Justis Carter picked up his second foul about 30 seconds later, forcing Lawson to the bench.

Even into the second quarter, Pearl Cohn continued to exert its will on the offensive side of the court and essentially keep Cascade off the glass.

By halftime, the Firebirds built a 33-23 lead.

While it was a balanced offensive effort in the first



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Cascade senior Justis Carter goes up for two against Pearl Cohn. He finished with 13 points.

half, Doyel Cockrill began penetrating the lane and fighting his way to the free throw line.

“Doyel Cockrill had 26 and shot the ball well. He just made it tough for us. We just didn’t have an answer for Cockrill,” Lawson said.

Cockrill led all scorers with 26 points and made the most of his trips to the free throw line.

He cashed in on 9-of-13 attempts at the charity

stripe.

Pearl Cohn mostly maintained the 10-point lead into the fourth quarter, but Cascade was able to cut the Firebird lead to single digits on two different occasions when Jayden Gulick connected on key 3-pointers.

Jackson Davis also was able to get loose and of his team-high 20 points, he scored 12 in the fourth

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M.J. Simmons is fouled while putting up a shot. Simmons had 16 points in the Community win and was named the All-Region MVP.

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final quarter. The Viqueen prospects looked to take a nose-dive early in the quarter as Simmons picked up her fourth foul while the Lady Eagle defense kept the pressure on. An East Nashville three-pointer cut the Viqueen lead to 38-37 with 5:18 remaining.

“Whitaker and M.J. both had four fouls, but I told them I trust you and you’ve both got to stay out there,” Pierce said.

With an energized Lady Eagle crowd providing plenty of vocal support for its Nashville team, the next four minutes would be key in determining which trophy would be coming back to Unionville.

Whitaker broke the ice with a basket while Simmons scored five consecutive points, including a three-point play that gave the Viqueens a 45-37 lead

with 3:46 left. Mitchell canned her fourth trey while Brothers added two foul shots as Community turned a one-point lead into a 50-37 advantage with a 12-0 run and 1:38 left.

The Lady Eagles would not get closer than 10 as the Viqueens took the hard-fought win.

“East Nashville is a really good ball team,” Pierce said. “We knew we couldn’t turn it over and we had to be more physical and had to some contested shots and that’s what we did.”

Simmons scored 16 points to lead three Viqueens in double figures.

Mitchell had 14 points while Whitaker added 10.

Emani Wofford and Paige Wallace each had 10 points to lead the Lady Eagles.

The Viqueens were 12-of-19 at the free throw line while East Nashville was 7-of-13.

Brothers, Mitchell, and Simmons were named to

the 4-AA All-Region tournament team with Simmons taking MVP honors.

With the win, Community will host York Institute at 7 p.m. Saturday night in the sectional round of the Class AA tournament.

The winner will punch a ticket to the TSSAA state tournament next week.

York Institute lost to Westmoreland 33-26 in the Region 3-AA final.

Pierce knows there is still business ahead as the sectional game approaches.

“It’s still a quick turnaround and we’ve got two days to prepare,” Pierce said.

“But the good thing is we’re at home.”

Community 16 12 8 17 — 53
 East Nashville 8 12 10 11 — 41
 Community: M. J. Simmons 16, Haley Mitchell 14, Breanna Whitaker 10, Addison Brothers 8, Zoey Dixon 5, Shelby Cawthon, Jacey Collier, Izzy Martinez.
 East Nashville: Emani Wofford 10, Kenya Fairs 5, Ayanna Kinnard 4, Jayla Horton 4, Jaslynn Walter 2, Paige Wallace 10, Jaymeshia Davis 4, Cleo Johnson 2.
 3-Point goals: Community (5): Mitchell 4, Brothers; East Nashville (2): Wallace 2.
 Halftime score: Community 28, East Nashville 20.



Addison Brothers (4) of the Viqueens has a lighter moment with the official before the start of the second quarter.



Breanna Whitaker looks to make a pass inside.

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fought. We lost a lot of starters again from last

year,” Davis said.

Community closes the season with a 15-16 overall record.

Community 15 5 14 6 — 40
 E. Nashville 25 22 18 14 — 79
 Community: Stratton Lovorn 12, Jacob Flanagan 8, Landon Lovorn 7, Maki

Fleming 3, Cole Crockett 2, Emery Smith 2, Ramon Hernandez, Jason Cullum 2, Trace Broiles 2.
 E. Nashville: Jaylen Jones 25, Jarrod Taylor 13, Michael Armstrong 13, Jordan Crawford 10, Jacoby Summers 7, Cullen Cleaves 6, Willie Wilson 2, Josiah Jones 2, P.J. Nyapal.
 3-Point goals: E. Nashville (3): Jones 3; Community (3): S. Lovorn 2, L. Lovorn, Halftime score: E. Nashville 47, Community 20.



Jason Cullum shrugs off the East Nashville defense and sets up the Viking offense.



Maki Fleming pushes through the full-court defense and brings the ball across half-court.

MLB, union meet again, discuss next step in talks

By RONALD BLUM
 AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem and chief union negotiator Bruce Meyer met for 1 1/2 hours Thursday and discussed the major issues in the stalled talks to reach a deal that would end Major League Baseball’s lockout.

Union general counsel Ian Penny and MLB Executive Vice President Morgan Sword also participated in the session.

The players’ association executive board held a conference call later Thursday. There was no known decision on the timing of the next negotiating session.

Baseball’s ninth work stoppage was in its 92nd day Thursday and is the sport’s first labor conflict to cause games to be canceled since the 1994-95 strike wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years.

Negotiations broke off Tuesday after the ninth straight day of meetings in Jupiter, Florida, and baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced that opening day on March 31 and the first two series for each team this season had been canceled. He said there would be insufficient training time for the March 31 openers.

Negotiating teams then headed home.

The sides had made progress during 16 1/2 hours of bargaining that ended at

2:30 a.m. Tuesday but were still far apart on areas that include the key economic components of the luxury tax, pre-arbitration bonus pool and minimum salaries. The sides expressed anger at each other’s proposals when talks resumed later that day.

Fitch Ratings said the cancellation will not impact MLB and stadium-level debt ratings for now due to liquidity that included dedicated debt reserve funds sufficient for a season-long stoppage. Fitch said MLB’s media contracts are structured for continued payments in 2022 during a lockout, with the possibility of repayments due later.

“The coronavirus-affected 2020 season demonstrates that the league and its teams have financial resources to withstand a shortened season, albeit with reliance on liquidity support from ownership or debt financing,” Fitch said. “Under a one-month cancellation, we expect MLB will be able to preserve national media revenue at levels close to those agreed to under contract.”

Fitch added “a prolonged work stoppage could also alienate fans and corporate sponsors, which could not only affect revenue in the current season but could drag on the growth of the sport in the longer term.” It also said “team and stadium financings will face

rating pressure sooner than the league if the lockout extends beyond April.”

•Locked-out Major League Baseball players are starting a \$1 million fund to support workers impacted by canceled games.

The players’ association said Friday the fund will be administered by the union and the AFL-CIO. It will be distributed to stadium workers and others caused financial hardship by baseball’s ninth work stoppage, which was in its 92nd day.

“Many aren’t seen or heard, but they are vital to the entertainment experience of our games,” union executive board members Andrew Miller and Max Scherzer said in a statement. “Unfortunately, they will also be among those affected by the owner-imposed lockout and the cancellation of games. Through this fund, we want to let them know that they have our support.”

The union listed broadcast and concession crews, electricians, ushers, security, transportation and janitors as among those needed for MLB games.

“This fund is intended to support workers who are most affected by the MLB-imposed lockout but whose livelihoods have been disregarded by the owners in their efforts to pressure players into accepting an unfair deal,” union head Tony Clark said in a statement.

Champs

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quarter. But Cascade just couldn't get the needed stops and translate them into points on the board.

"We got behind too much early and just couldn't dig out. We felt like if we could have gotten some stops early and gotten some shots to go down, it might have been a little different story. That's why you play the game. That's the way it goes," Lawson said.

Lucas Clanton also went for 17 in the game, but was held scoreless from the perimeter, while Carter finished his career with the Champs with 13 points.

While the road for Cascade ended in the Region 4-AA semifinals, it's no question the program is trending in the right direction.

In two years with Lawson at the helm, Cascade has made a trip to the state sectional and has claimed two regular season district titles and a district tournament championship.

Cascade loses just one senior this season, but the one couldn't be more valuable to the program's recent success.

"We're only graduating the one, Justis Carter, and that's a big one, but we have everybody else back. They all will have experience now getting to this point. A lot of them got experience last year in that sub-state run," Lawson said.

With the bulk of the roster returning next season, it's a short break before its back to work with the goal of taking the next step and pushing to the state tournament.

"We're headed in the right direction. We're going to go back to work, get stronger, we're going to get better. We'll be back," Lawson said.

Cascade closes the season with a 23-8 overall record.

Pearl Cohn 18 15 14 25 — 72
 Cascade 10 13 12 24 — 59
 Pearl Cohn: Doyel Cockrill 26, Rong Groves 14, Jody Lynn 9, Keith Roland 6, Mekki Wallace 6, Rennie Griffin 6, O'Marion Walker 5.
 Cascade: Jackson Davis 20, Lucas Clanton 17, Justis Carter 13, Jayden Gulick 6, Zach Crosslin 3.
 3-Point goals: Cascade (4): Gulick, Davis; Pearl Cohn (3): Lynn, Groves, Cockrill.
 Halftime score: Pearl Cohn 33, Cascade 23.



Jackson Davis jumpstarted the Cascade offense in the fourth quarter. He led the Champs with 20 points, scoring 12 points in the final frame.

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NFL ends protocols for virus

By BARRY WILNER
 AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has suspended all aspects of its COVID-19 protocols, citing recent trends showing that the spread of the coronavirus is declining.

In an agreement with the players' association, the league sent a memo to the 32 teams Thursday in which it mentioned "encouraging trends regarding the prevalence and severity of COVID-19, the evolving guidance from the CDC, changes to state law and the counsel of our respective experts" as reasons for the move.

Should the NFL find reasons to reimpose any aspects of the protocols, it will do so in conjunction with the NFL Players Association.

Teams are required to remain in compliance with state and local laws and may continue "reasonable measures to protect their staff and players," said the memo obtained by The Associated Press.

Regardless of vaccination status, players and staff no longer must wear face coverings at team facilities, though each club can require it individually. Social distancing signs no longer are required as well.

The league eliminated mandatory testing of players and staff, regardless of vaccination status. Testing will occur only when clinically indicated or at the direction of a team physician.



Lucas Clanton caps a fast break with a layup. He finished with 17 points for Cascade.

Runners out to prove abilities

By MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS

Kenneth Walker III believes NFL scouts may be short-changing this year's running backs contingent.

He sees a promising group of skillful, multi-faceted players, more than one worthy of being a first-round draft pick in April. Walker, in fact, could be at the head of the class following his 2021 breakout season at Michigan State, especially if he tests well between now and then.

The problem: Many teams find more value waiting to take a running back. So Walker and nearly three dozen other runners will spend this week trying to change minds at the NFL's annual scouting combine in Indianapolis.

"I feel like that's a goal in my mind, to be drafted early," Walker said Thursday. "And also just for other running backs as well, I feel like we've got to get them off the board, too."

Convincing scouts to change their ways won't be easy.

With this year's draft heavy on big guys — offensive and defensive linemen — and receivers, it appears light on the splashy, offensive playmakers out of the backfield. Even the quarterback class has been criticized for its lack of star power.

Yet, as much as coaches want to talk about winning championships by running the ball and stopping the run, it's the backs who have taken the biggest hits on recent draft weekends.

Only four have been taken in the first round over the past three seasons, and only twice during the last nine years have four or more been selected among the top 50. While some believe this year's class is solid and deep, it also could be the first time since 2014 and the second in 22 years that no running back is a first-rounder.

"I love this running back group," NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah said last week. "Again, I don't think there's going to be one that goes in the first round. I was talking with a personnel director the other day and he said, 'Let's just circle the fourth round.' You're going to get a great back in the fourth round, especially if you want a bigger back."

That's a significant departure from not long ago when top-10 picks were used on Todd Gurley, Ezekiel Elliott, Leonard Fournette and Saquon Barkley in four successive drafts starting in 2015. Since then, though, no back has been selected higher than 24th.

It's unlikely the trend changes this year despite a wide-ranging group of prospects.

Walker finished as last season's top rusher with 1,646 yards, 15th in yards per carry (6.22) and tied for eighth in touchdown runs (18). Jeremiah thinks Walker runs more powerfully than his listed weight of 210 pounds suggests, and Walker's goal is to run the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds at Indy.

But he's not even Jeremiah's top-rated back.

That title belongs to Isaiah Spiller of Texas A&M, who posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 2020 and 2021 and also made 74 receptions over three seasons.

Other top backs include Iowa State star Breece Hall; Georgia's national championship-winning tandem of Zamir White and James Cook III, the younger brother of Minnesota Vikings running back Dalvin Cook; and Alabama's overpowering Brian Robinson Jr.

All want to prove they can play three downs in the NFL and are capable of becoming multi-dimensional players such as Deebo Samuel and Cordarrelle Patterson.

Viqueens handle Pearl Cohn in 4-AA semifinals

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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NASHVILLE — A stellar defensive effort and a big night in the paint from junior M.J. Simmons powered the Community Viqueens past the Pearl Cohn Firebirds in the Region 4-AA semifinals on Monday night.

Community (24-7) held the Lady Firebirds (20-6) to just nine second-half points and punched its ticket to the tournament finals on Wednesday with a 63-28 win.

The Viqueens opened Monday night's region semifinal with a monster first quarter.

Simmons led the charge and notched 12 of the Viqueens' 16 first-quarter points, while defensively, the Purple and Gold held Pearl Cohn to just two points—a basket by Erianna Thomas with 6:58 to go in the quarter.

Aside from that, Community handled the Lady Firebirds by controlling the boards and limiting Pearl Cohn's effectiveness in the paint.

While the first quarter was all Community, Pearl Cohn rallied for 17 in the second quarter and at one point, cut the Community lead to three points after a basket by Thomas to cap a 13-2 run.

"In the first half, we struggled and gave them some easy layups. We adjusted in the second half and made every shot tough and didn't let them go by us," Viqueen coach Cody Pierce said.

Community answered the Lady Firebird run with back-to-back three-point plays by Breanna Whitaker and Simmons to push the Community lead to 24-15 with 2:12 left in the half.

By halftime, Community

built a 26-19 lead.

At the half, Pierce and his staff was able to make the necessary adjustments and in the third, it was another lopsided quarter in favor of the Viqueens.

Community went on an 18-point tear, with Simmons tacking on another nine points in the quarter by driving to the basket and also working the free throw line.

"She (Simmons) is who we played through. She did a good job finishing and knocked some free throws down. We hit one or two outside shots that opened the inside back up," Pierce said.

Defensively, it was another lockdown effort by Community as the Viqueens held the Lady Firebirds scoreless from the floor.

The only points Pearl Cohn mustered up in the third quarter came on a pair of free throws by Thomas at the 2:00 mark, when Simmons was whistled for her third foul.

With Simmons being the spark plug for the Viqueen offense for the better part of three quarters, Community's depth proved invaluable in the third.

After Simmons' third foul, Pierce turned to Shelby Cawthon off the bench and Community didn't miss a beat attacking the paint.

Cawthon entered the game and scored four points off the block in the final minute to help Community fuel an 18-point quarter.

"That's huge when you have players you can bring off the bench and don't miss a beat on offense. Shelby gave us some big minutes," Pierce said.

Not much changed in the fourth quarter as the Viqueens rattled off another 19 points en route to the



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M.J. Simmons dives for the ball and wins Community a second-half possession against Pearl Cohn on Monday night. She led all scorers with 29 points.

35-point victory.

Pierce was quick to credit the Viqueens' efforts off the glass and limiting by Pearl Cohn as helping guide Community to the Region 4-A A title game on Wednesday.

"To win big games like that, you have to box out every possession and that's

what we're doing," he said.

Not much went against Community's game plan.

Simmons pitched in a game-high 29 points and junior Haley Mitchell broke loose for 10 of her 16 total points in the fourth quarter.

While Community managed just one 3-pointer, a make by Breanna Whitaker

in the third quarter, Community shot an effective 14-of-20 at the free throw line, good enough for 70% on the night.

Thomas was the lone Lady Firebird to reach double figures with 15 points.

Monday's game marked the 14th-straight win by the Viqueens and Community hopes No. 15 will mark a

Region 4-AA title to go with their District 7-AA title won a week ago.

Pearl Cohn	2	17	2	7	—	28
Community	16	10	18	19	—	63

Pearl Cohn: Erianna Thomas 15, Christina Groves 5, Dynae Davis 3, Madison Woodard 3, Ayanna Batey 2.
Community: M.J. Simmons 29, Haley Mitchell 16, Breanna Whitaker 8, Shelby Cawthon 6, Zoey Dixon 2, Addison Brothers 2.
3-Point goals: Pearl Cohn (2): Davis, Woodard; Community (1): Whitaker.
Halftime score: Community 26, Pearl Cohn 19.



Shelby Cawthon battles through the Lady Firebird defense and goes up for two points in the third quarter. She gave Community big minutes off the bench in Monday's win.



Zoey Dixon pushes the Viqueens in transition as Community sets up a run at the goal against Pearl Cohn.

Sad, not shocked: MLB fans take gut-punch of canceled games

By **DAVID BRANDT**
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Nathan Rueckert's personal finances are loosely tied to Major League Baseball, thanks to the 20 years or so he has spent building his company that produces hand-crafted artwork catered to fans.

That's not why Tuesday was a very bad day.

At heart, Rueckert simply loves baseball. And like most baseball fans, he reacted with a mix of resignation, dismay, and anger when MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced this week that opening day on March 31 was canceled because the players' union and management couldn't strike a labor deal in time to end a 90-day lockout.

"I just think of all the father-son moments that are going to be missed," said Rueckert, who operates Baseball Seams Co. from his home in South Dakota. "All those opportunities that are robbed by a

season that might not even exist. Especially with the state of the country and the world, baseball is such a great distraction.

"People want to go to the ballpark, have a hot dog and get rid of stress."

For fans, MLB's decision to cancel games only adds to their stress. And anger. Or, maybe most concerning — apathy.

It's the latest setback for a sport that's had arguably the worst luck of the biggest U.S. sports leagues — which include the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB — when it comes to COVID-19. The pandemic started in mid-March of 2020, immediately shutting down spring training less than three weeks before opening day and causing the season to be shortened by more than 100 games.

No other league lost a bigger chunk of its schedule.

There wasn't much that could be done about a pandemic. Labor squabbles over how to allocate

money in a \$10 billion industry are a different story. Now, for the second time in three seasons, at least some regular-season games won't be played.

There are no heroes in this lockout tale, but much of the social media vitriol has been directed at Manfred, who has been commissioner since 2015. He was spotted practicing his golf swing between bargaining sessions by an Associated Press photographer on Tuesday. Others were upset that Manfred was laughing and jovial with reporters at his news conference announcing the cancellation.

It's safe to say baseball fans are not amused.

"The people need the games after getting through COVID-19 to lift our spirits and get back to normal," said Toronto Blue Jays fan Bill Farina, who lives in Palm Harbor, Florida, and was watching a Senators-Lightning NHL game. "I am disappointed in base-

ball. They don't care about the fans, and fans are going to leave them behind.

"Why would they stay and support these guys just to get burned?"

St. Louis Cardinals fan Hunter Kniffin is among many who wonder if the game can survive a lengthy work stoppage. He was a teenager during the 1994-95 strike that wiped out a World Series and about 70 regular-season games for each team.

He remembers the fan apathy that followed and the way the sport was eventually energized by the Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa home run race that captivated the country in 1998. He's not sure baseball will be as fortunate this time. It's a different world than the mid-to-late 1990s and there are more options for entertainment than ever.

"It could be a lot harder to bounce back this time," said Kniffin, who goes to about 10

games each year. "I just don't see how baseball can afford to lose any more exposure to the other major sports."

Pittsburgh Pirates fan Anthony Margiotta has two sons who play youth baseball. He's a diehard who said the lockout won't affect his plans to attend games when and if they're played, especially if there's good weather on a summer night.

But he also knows many fans aren't like him. If baseball's out of sight, it's out of mind, and it's certainly not attracting any younger fans when games are canceled.

"I'm sure this isn't helping things, let's just say that," the 45-year-old Margiotta said.

The scariest part for MLB could be that many fans seemed resigned to baseball's popularity fade. Joe Hart was wearing a Detroit Tigers hat on Tuesday night but watching another sport, taking in a Pistons-Wizards NBA game in Washington.

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 IV. Roll Call
 V. Adopt the Agenda
 VI. Consent Agenda - All items in this portion of the Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and may be approved by one motion; However, a Councilmember may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.
 A. Approval of Minutes Study Session of February 1, 2022.
 B. Approval of Minutes City Council Meeting of February 10, 2022.
 C. Approval of Minutes Special Called Workshop of February 22, 2022 (United)
 D. Approval of Minutes Special Called Workshop of February 23, 2022 (Spectrum)
 E. Approval of Minutes Special Called Meeting of February 23, 2022
 F. Approval of Minutes Special Called Workshop of February 23, 2022 (PEG Channel)
 G. Accept all Monthly Reports (February)
 H. Accept Treasurer's Report (January)
 I. Approval of Accounts Payable (February)
 J. Approval of the City of Shelbyville's Audited Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, prepared by Winnett Associates, PLLC.
 K. Approval of the Addendum to Mack Air, LLC's Lease with the Shelbyville Municipal Airport, as recommended by the Airport Authority Board.
 L. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Maintenance Agreement with Airport Sponsor for Airfield Pavement and Markings Maintenance with no local cost.
 M. Authorize Police Chief, Jan Phillips to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Shelbyville Police Department.
 N. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, to Support Restoring the Historic Revenue Sharing Relationship Between the State of Tennessee and its Local Governments and to Return the Local Share of the Single Article Cap to Local Governments.
 O. Approval of a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville Authorizing and Directing the City Attorney to File the 2020 Tax Bills for the Collection of All Delinquent Taxes for that Year.
 P. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Shelbyville Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for Funds Through the American Rescue Program.
 Q. Authorization to declare the following items surplus to be listed on GovDeals.com:
 a. 3 Life Fitness 95T treadmills
 b. 3 Life Fitness elevation recumbent bicycles
 c. 2 Life Fitness elevation upright bicycles
 d. 2 Life Fitness 91X ellipticals
 e. 2 Precor EFX534i ellipticals
 R. Authorization to purchase extrication tools for the Fire Department through a NPPGov national cooperative contract from Municipal Emergency Services in Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$23,000.00. With this purchase \$23,923.15 remains in the extrication tool budget line of the Capital Fund.
 VII. Public Hearings:
 A Resolution Adopting a Plan of Service for An Area Proposed for Annexation, the Territory is a 30.00 (+/-) Acre Tract of Land Located on the Westside of 231 North

Business Park and Referenced on Bedford County as Tract 2, Tax Map 050, Parcel 8.00, to Be Annexed by Owner Consent and to Be Incorporated Within the Boundaries of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Owned by Silicon Ranch Corporation. A Resolution to Annex certain Territory upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the same Within the Boundaries of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee. This Property is a 30.00 (+/-) Acre Tract of Land Located on the Westside of the 231 North Business Park and Referenced on Bedford County as Tract 2, Tax Map 050, Parcel 8.00, and Owned by Silicon Ranch Corporation.
 An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 30.00 (+/-) Acres Owned by Silicon Ranch Corporation, Located on the Westside of the 231 North Business Park and Reference on Bedford County as Tract 2, Tax Map 050, Parcel 8.00, From A-1 (Agricultural and Forestry to I-3 (Heavy Industrial), and Repealing any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.
 An Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and to Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation of Such Program Plan.
 Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read caption only on Resolutions and Ordinances.
 OLD BUSINESS:
 VIII. Resolutions-Second & Final Reading:
 A. A Resolution Adopting a Plan of Service for An Area Proposed for Annexation, the Territory is a 30.00 (+/-) Acre Tract of Land Located on the Westside of 231 North Business Park and Referenced on Bedford County as Tract 2, Tax Map 050, Parcel 8.00, to Be Annexed by Owner Consent and to Be Incorporated Within the Boundaries of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Owned by Silicon Ranch Corporation.
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 IX. Ordinances-Second & Final Reading:
 A. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 30.00 (+/-) Acres Owned by Silicon Ranch Corporation, Located on the Westside of the 231 North Business Park and Reference on Bedford County as Tract 2, Tax Map 050, Parcel 8.00, From A-1 (Agricultural and Forestry to I-3 (Heavy Industrial), and Repealing any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.
 B. An Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and to Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation of Such Program Plan.
 NEW BUSINESS:
 X. Ordinances-First Reading:
 A. An Ordinance of the Shelbyville City Council to Approve the Planned Unit Development Zoning District and the Amended Cedar Glade Regulating Pattern Book as Recommended by the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission and Repeal Any Ordinance or

Part of an Ordinance in Conflict Herewith.
 B. An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the Period Ending June 30, 2022.
 C. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 32.50 (+/-) Acres Owned by Eleazar Cruz Bautista and Gonzales Guzman Aide, Located Close to the Green Lane and Archery Lane Intersection and Referenced on Bedford County Tax map 078, Parcel 011.07 From Low Density Residential (R-2) and General Commercial (C-2) to High Density Residential (R-4), and Repealing Any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.
 D. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 0.57 (+/-) Acres Owned by Curl Properties, LLC, Located on the West Side of Sevier Street and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 078P, Group C, Parcel 003.00 from Medium Density Residential (R-3) District to High Density Residential District (R-4), and Repealing Any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.
 E. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 0.84 (+/-) Acres Owned by Curl Properties, LLC, Located Close to the East Cedar Street and Deery Street Intersections and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 0780, Group E, Parcel 003.00 from Residential Medium Density (R-3) to High Density Residential (R-4), and Repealing any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.
 XI. Business Items:
 A. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the funding request from the Southern Saddlebred Spring Filing Event in the amount of \$5,000.00 and designate the funding source.
 B. Consideration of a Motion concerning the future of the City Owned Buildings located on the South Spring Street.
 C. Consideration of a Motion to Ratify National Cooperative Service Orders with Spectrum Enterprise for fiber installation and service.
 D. Consideration of a Motion on the Fiber Proposals from United Communications or Spectrum Business.
 E. Consideration of a Motion to finalize the PEG Channel and request development of a contract with MTSU to provide content development.
 XII. Appointments:
 A. ADA Authority Board - remaining term of one member expiring September 2022 (Mayor Appointment)
 XIII. Announcements:
 XIV. Adjourn:
 Mayor Wallace Cartwright (Mar. 5, 2022)

signed, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 7, 2022 at 12:00 PM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:
 THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 LYING AND BEING IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 1 OF THE PLEASANT MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "B", ENVELOPE 226, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT.
 Parcel ID: 060-015.03
 PROPERTY ADDRESS:
 The street address of the property is believed to be 101 PLEASANT WAY, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160.
 In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): BRITTANY D PARSLEY, SHAWN PARSLEY
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:
 The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; 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. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded 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. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.
 THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC,
 Substitute Trustee
 119 S. Main Street,
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 (Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 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 July 5, 2002, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded July 8, 2002, in Book No. TD480, at Page 231, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Wayne Kinzer, conveying certain property therein described to David R. Wilson as Trustee for Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Bank of America, N.A.,
 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 Bank of America, N.A., will, on March 22, 2022 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Courthouse, 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 the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee:
 Being Lot No. 40 of Fairway Estates Subdivision, Section II, a plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet "B", Envelope 18, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is here had for a more definite description.
 ALSO KNOWN AS: 405 Fairway Green Drive, 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:
 WAYNE KINZER
 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. 79969
 DATED February 23, 2022
 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,
 Successor Trustee
 (Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 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 August 12, 2016, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded August 16, 2016, in Book No. TD862, at Page 353, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Marsha Robertson, conveying certain property therein described to Wilburn J. Evans as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FirstBank, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Rushmore Loan Management 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 Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC, will, on April 19, 2022 on or about 12:00 PM, at the at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 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:
 Being all of Lot No. 43 of Blue Ribbon Annex II B, a Plat of record in Plat Book "A", Envelope 33 (previously of record in Deed Book 104, page 569) Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description.
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Jayse Monroe, left, and Tara Harrell play the married couple "Simon and Flic,"—two newlyweds who've just moved into a house that may just be haunted!



Left to right, actors Peyton King, Aubrie O'Neal, Tara Harrell, and Jayse Monroe star in The Smokestack Theatre's production of "Spirit Level."

Spirit Level: A comedy at Community High

By ANTHONY DAVIS
Special to T-G

The Ghost and Mr. Chicken. Beetlejuice. Ghostbusters. You wouldn't think the afterlife would be the stuff of comedy gold, but the above-mentioned titles prove that Hollywood found just the opposite to be true.

In a somewhat similar vein is Pam Valentine's new comedy, "Spirit Level." The show hits the Community High Stage on March 11 and 12 and centers on Jack and Susy Cameron who are both recently deceased...ok, they're ghosts.

The play really takes off when they discover a newly

married couple is moving into their old home—a house that the Camerons still haunt.

But why are these ghosts still hanging around? It seems that the husband, Jack, is actually harboring ill will against The Man Upstairs, and neither will be allowed inside the pearly gates until it is resolved.

"Spirit Level" is a heartwarming comedy guaranteed to leave a lump in your throat and a tear in your eye. It's a story that may "haunt" you long after the final curtain falls.

Showtimes are at 7:00 both nights and admission is \$5 at the Community High Auditorium door.



Aubrie O'Neal, left, as "Susie Cameron" and her husband, Jack (Peyton King) have received a very unexpected guest in Pam Valentine's "Spirit Level" play.

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Election talk at BCRTA

Bedford County Retired Teachers' Association held its meeting Wednesday at Urban Plantation. Summer Leverette, Bedford County director of elections, was speaker. She answered numerous questions about voting and the election process. BCRTA members said the program was very interesting and informative. Devotion was given by Shirley McGee.

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