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## Council will pay out Ray contract Vacation time questioned

**By DAWN HANKINS**  
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Recently terminated City Manager Josh Ray may no longer be working in his office at City Hall, but based on his contract with Shelbyville, he's going to be compensated like it for the next 6 months.

Shelbyville City Council approved during a special called meeting at Shelbyville Recreation Center on Thursday to pay out Ray's contract over the next 6 months, per Ray's

request, rather than as a lump sum, which is actually contractual between the City and Ray.

"Your contract says it is to be paid out as a lump sum, but Mr. Ray has indicated he would prefer it to be paid out as payroll . . . continue to get a check as normal for 6 months and would stay on the City's health and life insurance plans."

City Attorney Ginger Shofner further advised Council, "He's already

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## MONDAY MORNING WRECK



Monday started off kind of rough for those involved in this multi-car accident at the intersection of 437 Bypass and U.S. 41-A South. No further information was available at press time.



## Trainers' Show

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## Meth dealer gets 38-year sentence

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

Three days before his 50th birthday, Jack Kenneth Plemons was sentenced to start serving 38 years in prison for a variety of charges connected with the sale of methamphetamine.

Plemons will have to serve a minimum of 13 years before he becomes eligible for early release.

Plemons was up on 21 criminal counts. He took a plea deal with prosecutors that resulted in many of the charges being dismissed. If he had gone to trial and been convicted on all the counts, he faced a minimum sentence of 122 years in prison and a maximum of 448 years. He could have also been fined up to \$1.4 million.

From July 2019 through September 2021, Plemons was arrested nine times on drug charges in Bedford County. He was arrested five times in 2021.

Each time he was arrested on felony drug charges he was able to make bail and was released. "It's frustrating for us when you arrest somebody on those charges they make bond and then a short time later they get arrested on similar charges and they're allowed to continue making bond," said Assistant DA Mike Randles. "In circuit court, we oftentimes file a motion to revoke their bond. Sometimes the judge will grant that motion; sometimes they don't."

In his first Bedford County methamphetamine

arrest, July 25, 2019, investigators say Plemons' 4-year-old daughter was staying in the bedroom with Plemons and his girlfriend at his girlfriend's home on Hendon Memorial Road.

On Jan. 28, 2020, when Plemons was arrested, he told investigators he had been purchasing a half-pound of methamphetamine every week for the last three months to sell. According to Addiction Center, a drug treatment referral agency, the street price of methamphetamine varies widely usually between \$20 and \$60 a gram. At \$40 per gram, the street value of the methamphetamine that Plemons was selling would have been nearly \$9,000 per week.

Plemons did not stop trying to distribute methamphetamine even while in jail in Bedford County. In February of 2021, reports show that Cleon Van Stone smuggled methamphetamine into the jail. Van Stone and Plemons were in the same pod in the jail. Plemons called associates outside of the jail asking them to pick up Van Stone when he was released. Plemons asked his associates to assist Van Stone in selling methamphetamine.

Plemons was previously convicted—three times—on Methamphetamine charges in other Tennessee counties: Blount County in 2010 and Monroe County and Anderson County in 2009.

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## New school, new teachers Board of Education makes way for both

**By ZOË HAGGARD**  
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Bedford County's newest elementary school is planned to be a two-story concept, based on recent unanimous approval by Bedford County Board of Education.

The board discussed how it was important for them to decide which story design they wanted before moving on to a more specific design phase.

Board member Glenn Forsee was vocal at last month's school board meeting about his preference for a one-story school. At Tuesday's meeting, he brought up concerns over traffic logistics and location of "quiet zones," but was reaffirmed by the new elementary building committee's choice of two-story.

Forsee said, "Two-story has advantages; two-story has disadvantages. One-story has advantages; one-story has disadvantages. There's no perfect scenario. But I obviously yield to the wisdom of those who actually make it work."

Learning Way Elementary Principal Kathy Reed, who is on the new elementary building committee, said one advantage of two-story is that one administrator can be on first floor and another administrator can be on the second floor. This makes it faster for assistance to arrive at a situation.

Also, excavation of the land with the two-story is more cost-effective. "Environmentally, you save that money," Director of Schools Tammy Garrett said.

Maintenance director Daniel Kleindienst also said they will have more room with a two-story to build roads around the school, which will help ease traffic flow.

Communications director Carol Garrette said there is no specific and existing elementary school that the school system is looking at. "While we visited some two-story schools in neighboring counties, our location and budget are so different that it's hard to make a comparison. Elevation is the next step for us to help determine a draft of the design. We hope to have a rendering from the architect soon, perhaps within a few weeks," she said.

### Teaching as a profession

Cascade High School teacher Wendy Williams made a presentation about her class "Teaching as a Profession." She reported to the school board the positive feedback she has received from her students.

Two of her students, sophomore Nick Harris and senior Katie Wilder, spoke at the school board meeting to illustrate their class work and their hope of becoming future math teachers.

Nick has been working specifically with one student in math and reading, which has helped him learn how to "think like a teacher." He said, "I have learned so much in this experience that I have gained confidence in how I phrase my teachings. And I know that if you

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Cascade High School teacher Wendy Williams made a presentation during last week's Bedford County Board of Education meeting about her class "Teaching as a Profession." From left, Cascade High school students Maddi Pittman, Katie Wilder, Nick Harris, and teacher Wendy Williams.

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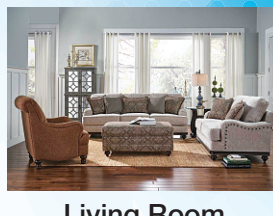
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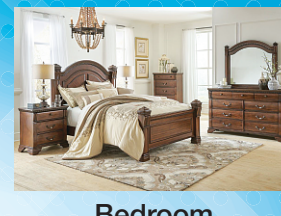
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## DEATH NOTICES

## Julius Loftes Stephens

March 22, 2022

Funeral service for Julius Loftes Stephens, age 93, of Shelbyville, will be held 12 noon Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastors Jimmy Gray and Clancey Burk officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Mr. Stephens passed from this early Sunday morning, March 20, 2022, at home surrounded by his family.



Visitation will start at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. A native of Bedford County, Julius was born April 12, 1928, in Flat Creek to the late Edward Thomas and Druccela Smith Stephens. He was preceded in death by: beloved wife of 61 years, Martha June Nichols Stephens; son, Ronnie Stephens; sisters, Nancey Sanders Linda Evener, Virginia Smith and Gay Wallace; and brothers, Edward Stephens, Tommy Stephens, Bill Stephens, Sam Stephens and Rafe "Whistle" Stephens.

Julius was employed with Reed Electric Motor Company for 40+ years before retirement and was a member of the VFW and Military Order of The Purple Heart. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where he received the Purple Heart. He was of the Baptist faith and his favorite pastime was waving at folks passing by, from his front porch on Whitthorne Street.

Survivors include: daughter, Vicki (Clyde) Lamb of Shelbyville; grandson, Chad (Moranda) Odeneal of Shelbyville; great-grandchildren, Savannah, Dillain, Katie, Zain and Cody; great great grandchildren, Ella Kate, Greyson, Addison, and one on the way.

Memorial donations may be made to Wreaths Across America by mail: C/O Tim Estes 105 Diane Dr., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

## Karen Dianne Pope Ferrell

March 18, 2022

Karen Dianne Pope Ferrell, age 75, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on Friday, March 18, 2022.

Visitation with the family will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with a memorial service beginning at 1 p.m., at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was predeceased by her parents, Robert Allen Pope and Vivian Antone Watson Pope; a son, Michael Shane Wallace; and her husband, James C. (Jim) Ferrell.

She is survived by her son, Matthew Scott Wallace and his wife, Lisa, of Milton; grandson Joshua Sean Wallace and his wife, Erica, of Murfreesboro; granddaughter, 1st Lt. Kaitlin Rae Wallace-Rupe of (Ft. Sill) Lawton, Oklahoma; great-granddaughter, Annistyn Kate Wallace; and great-grandson, Jaxton Bryce Wallace. She is also survived by siblings, Janice Shain Rozell and her husband Ted; Gayle Wisner and her husband Gary; and Allen Pope and his wife, Patty, all of Murfreesboro; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, and many friends, all of whom she loved dearly.

Dianne was born and raised in Shelbyville, Tennessee, and she and her siblings helped their parents with the family business, Pope's Café. Dianne graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1964. She briefly attended MTSU and later worked there as a secretary in the athletics department. In 1984, she went to work for Nissan in Smyrna, and retired from there in 2008. Dianne was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro.

Dianne had a great zest for life and enjoyed spending time with family, traveling, shopping, listening to Willie Nelson (her favorite), casino outings, and had a great love for antiques and collectibles.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful and caring staff of Aveanna Hospice Care for their assistance to Scott and Lisa in Dianne's care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Ardell Raymond Georgeson

March 17, 2022

Ardell Raymond Georgeson, 88, of Shelbyville died Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 20, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Pastor Mark Rosson officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

He was a retired truck driver for Bush Trucking of Shelbyville; a member of the Lutheran Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Irene Cantrell Georgeson, and a son, Harold Georgeson Sr.

Ardell is survived by his children, Cindy Meeks of Shelbyville, Christie Throneberry Brown of Hermitage, Donna (George) Worden of Lewisburg; step-daughter, Sherry Rogers; step-son, Tony Mims; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and his loving dogs "Dude" and "Starr."

## Henry Holt Hix

March 16, 2022

Henry Holt Hix, 85, of Shelbyville died Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Private family graveside services were held Saturday, March 19, at Rosebank Cemetery, Jim Pruitt officiating. He was a native of Bedford County; former heavy equipment mechanic for Tillett Brothers and Cooper Steel; a member of Raus Church of Christ and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and the most generous person you ever met.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Runa D. and Mattie Ree Holt Hix, and a sister, Betty Dell Merritt.

He is survived by his daughters, Lisa (Rodney) Schmiede, Sheila (Donnie) Higgins, Angela (Charles) Travis; his brother, Dan (Brenda) Hix; his companion and caregiver, Susie Boyce; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and his loving dog, "Sasha."

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Miss MTN visits Liberty

By Zoe Haggard  
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Miss Middle Tennessee Karissa Wheeler read her new children's book "Reveal of the Royal Puppy" to Liberty School's kindergarten through third graders on Friday morning.

Wheeler, 24, is a Nashville-native who has a passion for sharing the arts to young students. Below is her interview with the Times-Gazette.

Tell me a little about yourself. Where are you from and where did you go to school?

I'm a Tennessee girl through and through. I was born and raised in Nashville, graduating from Hume-Fogg Academic High School in 2015.

For undergrad, I attended Sewanee: The University of the South and graduated from there in 2019 with a double-major in English and Theatre and a Dance minor.

After graduation, I moved to New York City to pursue post-graduate acting work at Michael Howard Studios in Manhattan. I was there until the pandemic hit and came back home March of 2020.

Career and future goals?

I had moved to NYC to pursue post-grad acting training after I graduated from Sewanee in 2019 with degrees in English and Theatre and a minor in Dance. Pre-pandemic, I was teaching and training simultaneously, but with COVID, I landed back at home in Nashville.

I've worked on a few different projects over the last few years including The Least of These: A Christmas Story, The Song, I'm Not Ashamed, commercial work and theatrical

productions.

What's the story of you becoming Miss Middle Tennessee?

I came across the Miss America circuit as I was looking at opportunities for scholarships for grad school programs. I signed up for the Miss Middle Tennessee Scholarship Competition, a preliminary for Miss Tennessee, on a Sunday night, completed the paperwork in the wee hours of the morning on Monday right before the deadline, and competed on that Saturday. It was a whirlwind, but I felt super at peace the whole time knowing I was doing exactly what I was supposed to do.

Stepping out in faith can be scary, but the reward for the obedience is always worth it. Since February, I've hit the ground running preparing for Miss Tennessee in June and serving in my current title. My goal in everything I do is to be light and show love, and I went into that experience knowing if I did that, then the day itself was a success whether I won the title or not.

What are your goals with creating a social initiative that will impact arts education, including writing, reading and social emotional learning skills (SEL)?

My social initiative centers on arts education. I've been traveling across the mid-state visiting schools and sharing my children's book, Reveal of the Royal Puppy and doing arts sessions (acting, dance, musical theatre).

Through my after school arts education initiative, my goal is for students to be introduced to the transformative power of art equipping them with the skills



they need to be world-changers. These skills include social emotional learning skills (SEL), cultural awareness, cognition, communication, creativity and literacy skills.

What was the inspiration for your children's book?

Experiencing the grief of what seemed to be a loss of a dream, I sank into a depression and was diagnosed with anxiety. My counselor suggested thinking of ways to unleash my creativity while theaters were closed and production shutdown that would still allow my artist heart to have a means of expression...so I began to write.

Shortly after the diagnosis and researching emotional support animals, I decided to adopt a sweet morkie who inspired my children's book, "Reveal of the Royal Puppy." She was the biggest blessing to me throughout that time!

One of my mom's friends, a fellow children's book author, Shirley Gould, mentored me through the publishing process. It was neat because her talented nephew, Justin Steward, ended up doing my illustrations for it!

A large part of Princess Charlotte's journey is learning to have a thankful heart in the middle of going through her parents' divorce. Encouraging read-



ers to have an attitude of gratitude regardless of circumstance was one of my biggest goals in my writing, and while this book is written for younger hearts, the story will remind all readers that having a grateful heart makes difficult situations bearable.

How has faith had an impact on what you're doing today?

My faith is the most important part of who I am. It influences every aspect of my life, and it's my hope that it's not just something I talk about, but truly something people see in my actions and the way I strive to love people. God has been so good to me, and I just want to honor Him through every opportunity He gives me.

Where can people find your book?

The book is available anywhere books are sold (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Wal Mart, Target, LifeRich, GoogleBooks, an e-book on Kindle and a few independent bookstores as well.)

## Pay

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received his payroll check for last week's work . . . He also had some stipends—car allowance and phone allowance—that have already been paid to him."

She said Ray's severance package allows for him to receive 6 months of salary at his current rate of pay (hourly rate based on his annual salary.) Shofner said Ray's family will also continue to have health and life insurance benefits also, based on his final rate of pay.

Ray had requested a lump sum payout for his sick time accrued but Council agreed to only pay the vacation time accrued, agreeing that sick time payout was not in his contract. Mostly discussed was that request was not within normal City practices.

Shofner said City records show Ray's sick time balance was 111 hours. "Your personnel policy is sort of vague on that, but I spoke with your treasurer . . . Your payroll department says to their best recollection . . . the City has not made any payout on sick leave."

She asked City Treasurer Kay Parker to

confirm. "That's what I'm told," said Parker, who was appointed by Council on Thursday as the interim City manager.

Parker agreed but said her plate is already full with work from the treasurer's office.

Shofner said also, per his contract, Ray is entitled to benefits for the next 6 months from the City-employee, fully funded life insurance plan. She said that City plan features long-term disability and accidental death and dismemberment.

Council member Henry Feldhaus made the original payout motion and that Ray be paid the requested lump sum for his vacation time, but no sick time and that City payroll records, not Ray's, be used, in determining that payout. Council member William Christie seconded the motion. Councilperson Stephanie Isaacs was absent,

Council member Marilyn Ewing asked if there were any City records actually tracking Ray's accrued vacation time. "I just don't see good, clean information when it comes to vacation."

Shofner said it has come to her attention from administration that Ray kept his own Excel spread-

sheet for sick and vacation time, which he supplied when necessary to payroll. She said late last year, Ray did finally take 90 hours off a fairly large vacation time balance.

At the time of Thursday's meeting, Ray had apparently accumulated 98.4 hours in vacation time.

Councilperson Ewing then asked, "He's saying that he's taken 90 hours?"

"Ninety last year and 24 this year," Shofner said.

Ray's contract signed last year with the City guaranteed him 3 weeks vacation, Councilman Feldhaus advised.

Feldhaus clarified his original motion and stated that only City payroll records would be used to determine the payout of Ray's vacation time. He had some issues with Ray's recorded "comp time."

Shofner clarified for Council. "Let me walk you through that. He [Ray] provided an Excel sheet that showed a certain amount of hours that he says he worked over every single week. It shows in a column that he was taking off time from what I assume to be, his regular business office hours, which he was to be in office, which your contract says. Normal hours at City Hall are 8 to 4."

She added, "It appears he was banking that as well, using that to cover

his vacation . . . not using his vacation time balance to cover for that. It is my understanding, from your staff, that was what was taking place. Until staff raised that, asked for my input . . . conversations back and forth in email with Mr. Ray, he at a later time decided to take 90 hours off his vacation balance."

Shofner said, again, the spread sheet from Ray, considered a salaried employee, demonstrates that he apparently worked quite a bit of "over-time." "It appears he was banking that out, by taking off time during your City open hours. That is what it appears to me."

City discussions also surrounded Ray's 457 retirement account—one in which the City contributes.

Ray was terminated last Thursday during Council's regular monthly meeting. He has been a City employee for just over a year.

Feldhaus told the Times-Gazette last week, "Our current City department directors will continue with City services as usual. We will learn from this experience, and search for a new City manager to work with everyone. The City of Shelbyville has a very bright future and awesome opportunities for growth."

## School

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trust in the student, the student will put their trust in you."

Katie has completed the program and hopes to continue her education to the university level this fall. "This program has given me a lot of insight on how teachers must go through the struggles and how they must overcome them."

Williams herself has been teaching for 17 years and has taught as both elementary and high school. She was approached by Cascade High Principal Josh Young about starting the class that could help the County start "growing you're their own teachers," Williams said.

"So, he wanted to encourage students more to learn about the field of education and let them know it was a viable option. And

I think it's a been a success at our school so far," Williams said.

After four years, Williams said they now offer the full pathway: fundamentals of education are taught freshman year, teaching as a profession I sophomore year, then teaching as a profession II junior year, and completed with a work-base-learning internship at one of the elementary schools senior year.

## Dealer

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As a convicted felon, Plemons was prohibited from possessing a firearm but that prohibition did not deter him. He was arrested twice in Bedford

County (July and August of 2019) for felon in possession of a firearm. In both cases, Plemons had a Taurus Judge, a handgun that combines a .410 shotgun and a .45 caliber pistol. After having a Taurus Judge confiscated in July of 2019, he retrieved the same weapon from his

father's home less than a month later. The other firearms he was caught with were a .45 caliber pistol and a .410 shotgun.

Plemons' wife, Mary Elizabeth Plemons, 42, pled guilty in January to a charge of possession of methamphetamine for resale and was sentenced

to 12 years in prison. She will be eligible for early release on parole after serving 35 percent of the sentence — 4 years and 2 months. An additional charge of delivery of meth was dismissed. She had already served nearly 10 months of the sentence in jail awaiting trial.



# Child's knocks on car window bring help

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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A frightened child's knocks on a car window alerted passersby to her plight — her mother's unconsciousness behind the steering wheel — and police were summoned Friday night.

Officers found the little girl in a child's car seat and Brittany Leigh Brooks, 32, of Manchester asleep.

Brooks awoke after Officer Brandon Paslay knocked on her window for several minutes. She failed field sobriety tests conducted by Interim Sgt. Chris Vest, who suspected she has on drugs.

Police arrested Brooks for child endangerment and DUI. She allegedly asked how she could be arrested for DUI when she had taken prescribed medications.

Brooks was released on \$4,000 bond.

## Assault on officer

A Staley Road resident was charged with assault on an officer after allegedly attempting to hit a Bedford County deputy Tuesday night.

Tony Dewayne Curry, 61, was being arrested on a domestic assault charge at his home, Deputy Jonathan Brown said in a report.

Curry allegedly refused an order by Brown to stand up, then allegedly attempted to hit Brown with a fist several times as he was taken to the floor and kicked at deputies taking him into custody.

Charges of assault on an officer and resisting arrest were added to the initial charge. Curry had allegedly kicked his wife in the leg.

He was held on \$25,000 bond.

Shelbyville police charged Justin Dequan Watkins, 33, of St. Charles Place with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct when he allegedly kicked and "pushed against" an officer and yelled crude comments at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital staff Friday.

Watkins was at the hospital for treatment of a mouth wound allegedly inflicted by a family member in self-defense after an alleged attack. A domestic assault charge stemmed from that incident.

Bond was denied Watkins when he allegedly refused to sign a no-contact order and said he would immediately return to the home upon release.

## Drug charges

A man who was being arrested at a Davis Lane apartment complex after falling asleep in his truck handed over .56 grams of methamphetamine Saturday, police said.

Tyler Scott Lynch, 28, of Garrett Road was wanted in Bedford and Moore counties on several charges. Lynch is charged with probation revocation and possession of schedule II and VI drugs and paraphernalia. He was held on \$12,000 bond.

A small bag of crystal methamphetamine was found on a man who passed out Friday night the lobby of La Monita, Madison Street, police said.

Derek Bradley Stout, 24, of North Jefferson Street allegedly claimed the meth and the pants in which they were found weren't his. Stout told police he was just trying to sleep.

Stout was charged with possession of a schedule II drug and violation of probation. He was held on \$2,000 bond.

## Stolen vehicles

Two vehicles were reported stolen Friday in Shelbyville.

A black 2016 Nissan Titan pickup was taken from the sidewalk in front of an East Franklin Street home.

A red 2014 Dodge Journey SUV was stolen between 6 p.m. Thursday and noon Friday from Supreme Auto Sales, Madison Street. A suspect was named.

## Missing guns

Two guns and ammunition may have been taken from a home in the 500 block of Bethlehem Church Road over the past two weeks, the BCSO said.

One door had been taken off its hinges and another bore pry marks, a deputy said. Suspects were named.

## Jacket found

A black jacket was found on the front porch of a home in the 3000 block of Sims Road on Friday.

The resident said she has kept the nearby front door locked due to recent violence in the area.

## Jail intake

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

Edwin Rafael Aguilar, 39, King Arthur Court; violation of probation; summons issued

Samantha Marie Ahnefeld, 28, homeless, Shelbyville; public intoxication; held, \$500 bond

Timothy Ray Arbogast, 34, Church Street; violation of probation; summons issued

Daniel Blaine Armstrong, 48, King Avenue; domestic assault; held, \$3,500 bond

Fabian Avevalo, 32, Eagle Boulevard; failure to yield, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, financial responsibility; released, \$1,000 bond

Brittany Leigh Brooks, 32, Manchester; DUI, child endangerment; released, \$4,000 bond

Brittany Jacole Buntley, 34, Belmont Avenue; failure to appear; released, no bond

Jeffrey Alton Cartwright, 61, Halls Mill Road; failure to maintain lane, DUI; released, \$1,000 bond

Juan Castaneda Beltran, 36, Naron Road; DUI, possession of schedule II drug; released, \$2,000 bond

Agustin P. Clemente, 45, Cedar River Road; driving on revoked license (fifth offense), registration

violation, no insurance; released, \$5,000 bond

Holly Cecilia Currier, 33, Kayden Street; domestic assault, public intoxication, disorderly conduct; released, \$2,000 bond

Tony Dewayne Curry, 60, Staley Road; domestic assault, resisting arrest, assault on an officer; held, \$12,500 bond

Danyel P. Dixon, 30, North Cannon Boulevard; failure to appear, driving on suspended license, light law; released, \$11,000 bond

Zandi Engelbrecht-Nivens, 24, Spring Hill; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

Timothy Paul Farrar, 34, Highway 82 South; driving on suspended license, speeding; summons issued

Ricky J. Freeman, 42, Martha Street; simple possession; summons issued

Michael Scott Gould, 58, Shelbyview Drive; aggravated domestic assault; released, \$3,000 bond

Tiffany D. Harris, 40, Belmont Avenue; disorderly conduct; released, \$2,500 bond

Jacob L. Hoffman, 27, Hickory Drive; public intoxication; held, \$500 bond

Tony Terrell Hord, 32, Stonefield Circle; simple possession; summons issued

Elena Jordan Hudson, 20, Lecann Drive; simple possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; released, \$4,000 bond

Nelson Jimenez Argoeta, 18, Sandusky Street; no driver's license, running red light; released, \$500 bond

Amanda Dianne Latham, 39, Tullahoma; failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond

Austin Lauangaphay, 25, Earl Smith Road; driving on revoked license, no proof of insurance, registration violation; released, no bond

Tyler Scott Lynch, 28, Garrett Road; probation revocation, possession of schedule II drug, possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$12,000 bond

Charles Kenneth Moore, 53, Tullahoma; bondsman surrender, failure to appear, bench warrant; held, \$2,000 bond

Zachary Tyler Moore, 24, Wheel Road; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

Robert Paul Munoz, 41, Lee Ann Drive; simple possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; released, \$750 bond

Deandre Murphy, 29, North Main Street; speeding, driving on revoked license, DUI (second offense), implied consent; held, \$3,000 bond

Asuncion Nava, 45,

Shelbyville; driving on revoked license (eighth offense), registration violation, financial responsibility; held, \$4,500 bond

Erika Navarro, 31, Halls Mill Road; domestic assault; held, \$2,500 bond

Aristides Romero, 39, Fairfield Pike; red light violation, no driver's license; summons issued

Patricia Shryock, 59, homeless, Shelbyville; public intoxication; held, no bond

Derek Bradley Stout, 24, North Jefferson Street; possession of schedule II drug, violation of probation; held, \$2,000 bond

Timmy Dwight Taylor, 51, Sarvis Ridge Road; no driver's license; released on recognizance

Nathan Philip Tippy, 48, Tullahoma; probation revocation, failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond

Gabriel Villareal Morales, 34, Naron Road; possession of schedule II drug; released, \$1,000 bond

Justin Dequan Watkins, 33, St. Charles Place; domestic assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct; held, no bond

Brian Whelchel, 31, Ligon Drive; no driver's license, registration violation, no proof of insurance; released, no bond

Lisa Anne Wilson, 61, Sun Circle; non-emergency 911 calls; released, no bond

James Anthony Yates, 19, Hawthorne Hill Road; violation of order of protection, possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, violation of drug-free school zone; released, \$17,500 bond

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Celebrating National Ag Day March

To the editor:  
 March 22nd is National Ag Day — a day to celebrate the less than two percent of the population who provide food, fiber and fuel to all of us. Agriculture is no doubt our most important industry and National Ag Day is a chance for us to recognize and show our appreciation for all farmers do. American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It's the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation, made possible by the hard work of the America's farms and farm families. These individuals have been essential since the very beginning, and just like everyone, the past couple of years have presented many challenges, but thankfully, farmers have continued steadfastly toward ensuring we have food on our tables and clothes on our backs. That's why, this year espe-

cially, National Ag Day is celebrated as a chance to honor those who deserve to be praised every day for what they do.  
 Renee Reeves/BCFB


### "Welcome To New York"

To the editor:  
 After reading in Saturday's paper about the two sex offenders and their light sentences I realized that I just moved back to NY, a place I was happy to leave.


Evidently our prosecutors don't value the children that we raise in Bedford County. Especially disturbing was the plea deal that Ashton Haines received. He raped a 7 year old girl not once but for a period of almost two months. All his other charges were dropped.

His lawyer should be ashamed, as should the prosecutor. BUT I guess it wasn't their daughter.

Dan Brown  
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2 What is your favorite vacation destination?  
 I can't pick a favorite vacation destination. I've loved travelling to Disney World, Mexico, and Las Vegas. My dream is to travel to Ireland and see it's lush countryside and castles.

3 What is your favorite holiday and why?  
 My favorite holiday is Christmas. Of course, it is about celebrating Jesus' birth, first and foremost. But, I also love to curl up on my couch watching It's A Wonderful Life or Frosty the Snowman while my lights blink on my tree and my house smells of cinnamon and pine. I'm a new Gigi and am very excited that I get to experience Christmas all over again through my grandchildren's eyes and hearts.

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# Saving lotions and moisturizers

**Dear Heloise:** It seems like there is always a significant amount of lotion left in a plastic bottle that won't pump or pour out. In the past, I have added water and mixed it to thin it so that it would pour into another container. This, of course, dilutes it some, making it less effective. This last time I thought I would try microwaving it a few seconds to warm it enough to thin somewhat. It worked great. It poured easily and returned to its normal consistency when it cooled. -- Raymond Kilgore, via email

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



bags you buy. -- J.K. in California

## MORE ON PASSWORDS

**Dear Heloise:** If you advise your readers to choose passwords that include both numbers and letters, the combinations are endless. -- Sue, via email

Sue, so many of you have written to me with great suggestions on safe passwords. It is so helpful, because passwords have become important in our lives today. -- Heloise

## ICE CREAM HINT

**Dear Heloise:** In response to the writer who says the ice cream in the freezer is too hard: I've found that if you store ice cream in the freezer door, the consistency is perfect. Keep the tips coming! -- Paul, via email

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.

## SMILE

**Dear Heloise:** It seems whenever I need to give a dinner and invite my husband's co-workers and bosses, I get all flustered and make a mess of things. My husband's job requires that we entertain more in the future, but I really worry that I'm too disorganized to make an event successful. I need help! -- Lana E., Quincy, Massachusetts

Lana, use the SMILE technique:

**S:** Set your table early in the day. That will be one less thing to worry about.

**M:** Menu. Plan well in advance what you'll serve. Don't do anything too complicated or something that you've never made before.

**I:** Invite a mix of interesting people if you can. Welcome newcomers.

**L:** Lists. Make lists of what you'll serve and stick to it. Write it down and use it as a reminder. Make a list of all the things you need to do to get ready.

**E:** Enjoy yourself. Relax and remember to smile and have fun. --Heloise

## EMERGENCY: IPHONE

**Dear Heloise:** Your message regarding persons falling alone: If they have an iPhone with Siri that they have nearby, merely yell, "Help!" Or speak, "Contact message." This is the best, quickest way to get assistance with an iPhone. Truly a lifesaver! Thanks. -- N.T.S., via email

## TOILET SEAT DILEMMA

**Dear Heloise:** I used to get upset with my husband, as he would not put the toilet seat up and I would have a wet seat. I gave up the battle -- not worth the frustration -- and started wiping the seat with toilet paper before I used it. That was great. Then I finally realized I was wasting too much toilet paper -- some to wipe the seat, then some to wipe myself. Now after I use the toilet, I put the seat up for him. I put it down for myself and back up for him. --Jackie, Colorado Springs, Colorado

## NEWSPAPER SLEEVES

**Dear Heloise:** I didn't use to do this, but now I save the plastic newspaper sleeves for a week and then put them in the newspaper slot for the paper delivery person. He said it saves him a lot to reuse them. -- Ruthanne, via email

Ruthanne, thank you for the suggestion for reusing newspaper sleeves. Every bit of recycling that we do is good for our planet. Here's another great reader hint. -- Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I read your column in Orange County Register. Today someone made a suggestion for the plastic bag that newspapers come in. I use these bags when I walk my dog to pick up his poop. I usually take two bags with me. They work so much better than the dog

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY

#### SCV meeting

Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp 72 of Sons of Confederate Veterans will have their regular dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at the Oak Restaurant in Manchester. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

### THURSDAY

#### 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.

### CANCELLATIONS

#### 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.

#### Rescheduled

The fish fry at Whosoever Will Church, 219 E. Cedar St., has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### 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@scidd.org](mailto:mdavid@scidd.org).

# Communities can work together to make prom night safer

Spring is in the air and that means high school juniors and seniors across the country are getting ready to party the night away at their respective school proms.

Even though these rites of passage are well-known as opportunities to make lasting memories, prom also is associated with several risky behaviors. Underage alcohol use is among the poor choices that teens may face on prom night. However, parents and community members can work collectively to keep promgoers happy and safe this season.

- **Liquor lock down:** Merchants who sell alcoholic beverages can be especially diligent around prom season to check identification and fail to sell alcohol to anyone who is underage. This includes wait staff at area restaurants. Parents and guardians can make sure their own alcohol at home is locked away so it cannot be borrowed for prom celebrations.

- **Beef up police patrols.** Community leaders can work with local police departments to increase patrols around schools and locations that are frequent meeting spots for teenagers following prom festivities. Law enforcement can respond quickly to parties and other concerns if they devote specialized underage drinking details for prom night.

- **Keep parties age-appropriate.** Parents in the community can keep prom



Parents and community members can work collectively to keep promgoers happy and safe this season.

nights safer by not serving or allowing alcohol at any party they are hosting.

- **Safe after-party fun:** Recreational centers, churches and other businesses can offer to host after-parties that are monitored and/or chaperoned. This enables teens to gather at safe locations and continue to celebrate in ways

that are age-appropriate, without feeling the pressure to attend less trustworthy events.

- **Talk about risky behaviors.** Parents, teachers and community leaders can talk to teens about the potentially dangerous behaviors present on prom night. Remind teens they always can come to an adult without the risk of being punished if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. Parents can continue to establish trust so their kids can

come to them when they need help or advice.

- **Change prom timing.** While "prom night" is the standard, prom dances can occur at any time of the day. Schools concerned about after-hours shenanigans can schedule their events earlier in the day when the potential for drinking or other risky behaviors may be less significant.

Community residents can work together to help make prom season safe for all students.

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Horse and riders get checked in before the classes commence.

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Calsonic Arena was filled with a sense of pride and patriotism as the American Flag, lit up with lights, was carried around the arena.



Friday night began with the Riders' Cup yearling colts class

## AG NOTES

By John Teague  
 UT/TSU Extension

### NATIONAL AG DAY

It seems that every day is a day to recognize something. Well, today is March 22 and it is National Ag Day! The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is an organization uniquely composed of leaders in the agriculture, food and fiber communities dedicated to increasing the public awareness of agriculture's vital role in our society. The Agriculture Council of America and the National Ag Day program was started in 1973.

The ACA believes that every American should understand how food and fiber products are produced. They need to appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. The public should value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. American citizens should acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Celebrate American agriculture with your farmer friends. If you don't know any, then try to meet some over the next year and say thanks!

### WHAT'S THE MARKET?

These market comments were provided by Drs.

Andrew Griffith and Aaron Smith, UT Extension livestock market and crop market economists, respectively. (I may have comments in parentheses.)

Fed cattle traded steady compared to last week on a live basis. Prices on a live basis primarily ranged from \$138 to \$140 while dressed prices were mainly \$221 to \$222. (All prices are per hundred weight.) The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday were \$138.55 live, up \$0.27 compared to last week and \$221.85 dressed, up \$1.75 from a week ago. A year ago, prices were \$114.25 live and \$181.28 dressed.

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

Corn, soybeans, and wheat were down; cotton was up for the week. Managing financial risk for the 2022 crop will be the most important decision producers make this year. So far, 2022 has been positive for grain and oilseed prices. Since the start of the year, harvest futures contracts for soybeans are up \$2.00 (\$12.69 to \$14.69), corn up \$0.98 (\$5.46 to \$6.44), and wheat up \$2.80

(\$7.64 to \$10.44).

However, expenses are up dramatically since last year. Fertilizer prices are up 49% to 138%, depending on type. Additionally, availability of crop protection inputs are a concern and prices have been continuously changing throughout the winter/spring planning season. As such, it will be important for producers to continually adjust their cost of production estimates and breakeven prices based on their current circumstances and evolving cost structures.

May 2022 corn futures closed at \$7.41, down 21 cents since last Friday. For the week, May 2022 corn futures traded between \$7.26 and \$7.67. July 2022 corn futures closed at \$7.12, down 16 cents since last Friday. New crop cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$5.94 to \$6.74. December 2022 corn futures closed at \$6.45, down 10 cents since last Friday.

May 2022 soybean futures closed at \$16.68, down 8 cents since last Friday. For the week, May 2022 soybean futures traded between \$16.38 and \$16.97. July 2022 soybean futures closed at \$16.45, down 6 cents since last Friday. New crop cash soybean prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$14.33 to \$15.11. November 2022 soybean futures closed at \$14.66, down 25 cents since last Friday.

Wheat cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$9.46 to \$10.74. May 2022 wheat futures closed at \$10.63, down 43 cents since last Friday. May 2022 wheat futures traded between \$10.31 and \$11.60 this week. New crop wheat cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$8.95 to \$10.63. July 2022 wheat futures closed at \$10.44, down 33 cents since last Friday. September 2022 wheat futures closed at \$10.05, down 39 cents since last Friday.

(All of the markets are responding to the overall economic conditions including inflation and the federal reserve bank's action of raising the interest rate. The whole supply chain issue is helping to cause empty shelves at the grocery stores. And the ongoing world conflicts are causing concerns for the future. All farmers can do is to continue to do what they do, feed others and hope to survive the current year's challenges. But then, that's been their reaction to farming issues for decades, back to the 1800's. Thank the farmers you know for what they do.)

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## LEADERSHIP YOUTH VISIT CAPITOL



The Adult and Youth Leadership Bedford class recently visited the state Capitol. The class was able to meet with Gov. Bill Lee, State Rep. Pat Marsh, State Sen. Shane Reeves and several others. A mock legislative session was held with members of the state Comptroller's Office.

Submitted Photo



## Schools offer prom dress rentals

By **ZOË HAGGARD**  
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For the first time this year, Bedford County School System is offering a PROMise of Hope closet that houses prom dresses for students in need.

The closet began with Cascade High School teachers Wendy Williams and Cindy Pope several years ago but has become a district-wide initiative this year.

Lori Sexton, Career and Technical Education (CTE) director and supervisor of secondary education, said, "I think Cindy and Wendy just felt like if there was a need at Cascade, then there was a need elsewhere...So if we can expand the opportunity to all students, then why not?"

Sexton said many of the donations have come from dress drives sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro's sororities. Dress sizes range from zero to 20, while a small assortment of shoes is also available.

"I think just knowing our community, we wanted to make sure every student had the opportunity to attend prom without barriers," Sexton said. "Prom is part of the high school experiences. It's something many of them remember for a lifetime. And we don't want finances to be a barrier."

Sexton said if you know a Bedford County student who needs assistance, please refer him or her to the high school counselor, and arrangements will be



Lori Sexton

made on an individual basis for seeing the clothing. Sexton also added that if transportation is an issue, dresses can be brought to the school to try on as well.

Attire must be returned within 72 hours after the event for cleaning and storing for future use.

For donations or sponsorships—of manicures, updos, tuxedo rentals or discounts—call Kim Joyce at 931-684-3284. People can also make an appointment to drop items off at the Central Office.

"There was such an outpouring online when the post went live for the first time on Facebook, of people asking where can I donate.... So, we're very pleased for our first year," Sexton said.

Community High will have its prom 8 p.m., Friday, March 25, at Pleasant Valley Farm; Shelbyville Central will have its prom 7 p.m., Friday, April 8, at Pleasant Valley Farm; The Webb School will senior prom 7 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Walnut House in Murfreesboro. Cascade High conducted its prom event last Friday at Grace Valley Farm.





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# Browns defend decision to add Watson at QB

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

Deshaun Watson's complicated past didn't dissuade the Cleveland Browns from betting on the quarterback's future.

He is on Cleveland's roster, and at this point that is the only certainty with the talented yet controversial QB.

Watson's stunning trade to the Browns became official Sunday, capping a whirlwind few days during which the three-time Pro Bowler — accused by 22 women of sexual harassment or assault — agreed to come to Cleveland after initially telling the team he wouldn't.

The Browns are taking heat for bringing in Watson with his legal baggage, but the team feels comfortable with its decision.

"We spent a tremendous amount of time exploring and investigating the opportunity to trade for Deshaun Watson," Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam said in a team news release. "We are acutely aware and empathetic to the highly personal sentiments expressed about this decision. Our team's comprehensive evaluation process was of utmost importance due to the sensitive nature of his situation and the complex factors involved."

"We also understand there are still some legal proceedings that are ongoing and we will respect due process."

Desperate to win, the Browns have gone all in for Watson, sending first-round picks the next three seasons to Houston along with a 2023 third-rounder and 2024 fourth-rounder. The Texans will part with Watson and a 2024 fifth-round pick.

Cleveland is also giving Watson, who is still facing civil lawsuits, public scorn and possible NFL discipline, a fully guaranteed \$230 million contract.

Last week, the Haslams flew to Houston with general manager Andrew Berry and coach Kevin Stefanski and met with Watson to discuss his situation and future. The 26-year-old was also courted by Atlanta, Carolina and New Orleans.

The Browns came away satisfied with Watson's character.

"He was humble, sincere and candid," the Haslams said. "In our conversations, Deshaun detailed his commitment to leading our team; he understands and embraces the hard work needed to build his name both in the community and on the field. ... We are confident in Deshaun and excited about moving forward with him as our quarterback and supporting his genuine and determined efforts."

It's still not known when Watson will be in Cleveland, where fans have been debating the trade for days. The Browns are still working on plans for a possible news conference.

Now that the trade is complete, Watson and the Browns are facing tough questions about their new partnership.

For Watson, Cleveland represents a fresh start.

For the Browns, he brings hope along with criticism.

While they become an instant possible Super Bowl contender following another disappointing season, the Browns are also being condemned for taking a player with ongoing legal issues. Nearly two dozen female massage therapists have alleged he assaulted them during rehab sessions.

A grand jury in Texas recently declined to indict Watson on criminal charges, but the civil cases are pending — as is his return to the field.

Watson may face disciplinary action by the NFL, which is conducting an independent investigation about his behavior. Based on precedent, the league could suspend him multiple games for violating its personal conduct policy.



## TENNIS ACTION

ABOVE: Alejandro Hernandez of the Community Vikings powers a forehand in his match against Moore County. LEFT: Chelsea Utz of the Viqueens returns a forehand against Moore County.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

# Coach K's farewell tour extended

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

Mike Krzyzewski's farewell tour was this/close to over.

Duke trailed Michigan State 70-65 with 5:10 left to play Sunday and there was next to nothing he could do about it.

"I'm an Army guy," recalled Krzyzewski, who played for Bobby Knight at West Point and started his coaching career there. "But it looked like our ship was sinking."

From the moment in June when Krzyzewski announced his 42nd season would be his last, it was bound to be all about him. And really, how could it be otherwise? Coaches have always been the enduring stars of the college game and no one since John Wooden lit up the firmament like Coach K.

Now imagine being a kid in a Blue Devils uniform and watching that light flicker.

"We can either lay down," freshman Paolo Banchemo recalled thinking, "or turn it up."

Duke responded with a 20-6 run the rest of the way. The 6-foot-10 Banchemo steamrolled Michigan State's Joey Hauser on a drive to the biggest bucket of the night for a 75-74 lead. Jeremy Roach followed with a 3-pointer to stretch the lead to four with 1:16 left. Krzyzewski won't

officially become a spectator until this one last run through the NCAA Tournament ends with a loss, but he's already learning to enjoy the view.

"You guys were terrific, man," Krzyzewski told the players sitting alongside him after Duke notched an 85-76 win over the Spartans to advance to the Sweet 16 and a matchup with Texas Tech. "I'm so — I'm really proud to be your coach."

Coach K has been hoarse since the tournament started, but he insisted on making a point. "It had nothing to do with coaching in those last four or five minutes," he said. "It all had to do with heart and togetherness."

That might be overstating the case, since talent is a more reliable measure of success than emotion. But not in every case.

Just ask 10th-seeded Miami, which handcuffed Auburn's Jabari Smith and Walker Kessler — both likely NBA lottery picks — en route to the day's biggest upset, a 79-61 beatdown of the No. 2 Tigers.

"It's the first time that we got it handed to us," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "We didn't know how to respond."

Or for that matter, 11th-seeded Iowa State, which tipped No. 3 Wisconsin 54-49 in Milwaukee, just a fast hour's drive from the Badgers' campus in Madison. Wisconsin had

Johnny Davis, the Big Ten player of the year, a hard-earned reputation for taking care of the ball — a nation-low average of 8.4 turnovers per game — and a frenzied crowd behind them.

But the Badgers ominously gave the ball away eight times in the first half alone and didn't shoot much better. Davis was 0 for 7 from 3-point range and his teammates weren't much better, just 2 for 15.

"Shot the ball uncharacteristically poor today. Turned the ball over. We're No. 1 in the country in fewest turnovers. Today," coach Greg Gard summed up, "we were not."

If it's any consolation, two more Big Ten teams joined the Badgers heading for the exit.

Second-seeded Ohio State pulled with 60-58 of No. 2 Villanova with just under six minutes left and then went colder than cold. Instead of panicking, the Wildcats got two turnovers and cranked up the defense, pulling away to a 71-61 win as the Buckeyes missed six of their final seven shots from the floor.

Coach Jay Wright has been quietly building a Coach K-caliber program, having won national championships in both 2016 and 2018. That kind of continuity pays dividends.

## SWEET 16 PRIMER

# 15th-seed Peacocks aren't intimidated

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Top seeds Gonzaga, Kansas and Arizona are in. So is little Saint Peter's, the giant killer and only the third No. 15 seed to make it this far in the NCAA Tournament.

And Coach K's farewell tour continues as he and his Duke Blue Devils made it to the Sweet 16, too.

All eight of the regional semifinal matchups are set after a wild opening weekend that saw seven double-digit seeds win in the first round and four of them move on.

This is the second year in a row a No. 15 seed has captured the imagination of basketball fans.

Last year, it was Oral Roberts, which came within a missed 3-pointer at the buzzer from beating Arkansas and going to the Elite Eight. This time, it's those lovable Saint Peter's Peacocks, who knocked off Kentucky and Murray State and don't have a single player that made the All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference first team.

## East Region

Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia  
Friday-Sunday

The Peacocks (21-11) will face No. 3 seed Purdue (29-7), and this group of New Jersey toughs won't be intimidated by the Boilermakers' considerable size advantage.

"Everybody keeps saying we can't do that, we can't do that, we don't have this and we don't have that," coach Shaheen Holloway said. "We got heart. That's what matters."

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## Peacocks

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Two of the college game's biggest brands, No. 8 North Carolina (26-9) and No. 4 UCLA (27-7), will square off in the other semifinal.

First-year coach Hubert Davis' Tar Heels are the hottest team in the tournament, having won eight of nine after their rout of Marquette and overtime win over defending champion Baylor. UCLA turned back Akron's upset bid and rolled past Saint Mary's.

### West Region

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No. 1 Gonzaga (28-3) plays No. 4 Arkansas (27-8) after overcoming slow starts against Georgia State and Memphis. The Zags had to erase a 12-point deficit early in the second half to get past ninth-seeded Memphis and advance to the Sweet 16 for a seventh straight time.

"From here on out, they're all tough," coach Mark Few said.

Arkansas was pushed to the limit by double-digit seeds Vermont and New Mexico State. The Razorbacks struggled offensively in both games but their defense has been nails.

The other West game pits second-seeded Duke (30-6) against No. 3 Texas Tech (27-9). A hard-earned 85-76 win over Tom Izzo and Michigan State sends Mike Krzyzewski west to his record 26th Sweet 16. The Red Raiders, with first-year coach Mark Adams, made it past the second round for the first time since their run to the 2019 national championship game.

### South

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No. 11 Michigan (19-14) will face second-seeded Villanova (28-7) in a rematch of the 2018 national championship game won by the Wildcats. Like Saint Peter's, the Wolverines are a pretty good story, too.

They underperformed in the regular season, coach Juwan Howard was suspended five games for a postgame dust-up with

Ohio State and going one-and-done at the Big Ten Tournament made for a nervous Selection Sunday.

Here they are in a fifth straight Sweet 16 after rallying to beat Colorado State and then revving up in the second half to knock out third-seeded Tennessee.

No. 5 Houston (31-5), despite having been bitten hard by the injury bug this season, just keeps rolling along under Kelvin Sampson and will play Arizona (33-3). It's the Cougars' 14th Sweet 16, and third since 2019.

The Wildcats nearly got tripped up on their way to the Sweet 16 in coach Tommy Lloyd's first season. Thanks to a combined 58 points from Benedict Mathurin and Christian Koloko in an 85-80 overtime win over ninth-seeded TCU, Arizona will be playing on the tournament's second weekend for the first time since 2016.

### Midwest

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**Friday-Sunday**

No. 1 seed Kansas (30-6) will face a physical challenge against No. 4 Providence (27-5), which took care of business against South Dakota State and blew out Richmond. Kansas got all it could handle from ninth-seeded Creighton in the second round and is in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2018.

The game features an intriguing matchup of big men in the Jayhawks' David McCormack and the Friars' Nate Watson.

The other Midwest semifinal pits two double-digit seeds: No. 11 Iowa State (22-12) against No. 10 Miami (25-10).

The Cyclones, who won just two games last season, are in for the first time since 2016 under first-year coach T.J. Otzelberger. They've given up just 103 points in two games — 49 in their upset of Wisconsin, the Badgers' lowest total since 2018. Miami's 79-61 take-down of No. 2 Auburn puts the Hurricanes in a regional semifinal for the third time under Jim Larrañaga, who would love to recapture the magic of his 2006 George Mason team's run to the Final Four as a No. 11 seed.

# Freeman stung by trade, thrilled to join Dodgers

By GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Freddie Freeman admits he's still baffled and hurt by the way his 15 years with the Atlanta Braves ended.

The star slugger is also thrilled that the messy breakup allowed him to start the next chapter of his impressive career close to home with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Freeman joined the Dodgers on Friday for his first workout since agreeing to a \$162 million, six-year contract to be a centerpiece of Los Angeles' powerhouse roster.

"Everyone has just welcomed me with open arms," Freeman said from the balcony of the Dodgers' spring training complex after hundreds of fans below cheered while he donned a white Dodgers jersey for the first time.

"They know how much I care about winning and family," Freeman added. "If I was going to leave a place I was for 15 years, coming home and being in this organization is probably the best thing that could have happened."

Freeman arrived at the Dodgers' Camelback Ranch training complex in a suit and tie, but immediately got some good-natured ribbing from his more laidback new teammates. Freeman is a Southern California native who probably should have known better, but he is eager to fit in back home.

"It's not really a suit organization, I guess," Freeman said with a laugh.

The 32-year-old slugger quickly changed into Dodger Blue for the first showcase of his famously consistent swing in the batting cages.

The Dodgers paid top dollar to get Freeman after his impressive career with the Braves, including a 12-year run with the big-league club culminating in the 2020 NL MVP award and the 2021 World Series title.

Freeman will make \$27 million a year with Los Angeles, but \$7 million is deferred in each of the first three

seasons and \$12 million in each of the last three for a total of \$57 million. That money is payable in installments of \$4 million each July 1 from 2028-35, and \$5 million each July 1 from 2036-40.

But the big new contract and bright future hasn't quelled all of Freeman's hurt. He was the face of the Braves, but the slugger feels they turned their back on him.

Freeman also was not convinced by the tears from Alex Anthopoulos when the Braves general manager discussed his departure: "I saw them. That's all I'll say."

Although Freeman got just two phone calls from the Atlanta front office during the offseason, he still figured he would be returning to the only team for which he had ever suited up. He kept the faith even when he got a contract offer at last season's trade deadline, countered it — and never got another offer.

His optimism vanished Monday when the Braves swung a dramatic trade with Oakland for Matt Olson, who got a \$168 million contract a day later.

Freeman was working out at home in Orange County when he heard about the Olson trade, which "blindsided" him.

"I had no idea that was going to happen, anything like that," Freeman said. "When I got told, emotions were all over the place. I couldn't really speak for a couple of hours, trying to figure out what was going on."

Once he gathered himself, Freeman and his agent entertained offers from several teams. The Dodgers easily made the most sense.

"I talked to my wife and I said, 'I think it's time to go home,'" Freeman said. "I've got my 67-year-old dad and my 86-year-old grandfather who's now going to be able to watch me play every day, just like 15 years ago in high school, so that's what's special to me. To put on a uniform that cares about winning and strives to win every year, that's all you can ask for."

## Byron wins wild one at remodeled Atlanta

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

HAMPTON, Ga.

— William Byron had a freight train in his rearview mirror. A sitting duck, it seemed. Fortunately for him, all those challengers started jostling against each other rather than working together to take down the leader.

While Byron cruised to the checkered flag for the third victory of his NASCAR Cup career, one last crash unfolded behind him Sunday in an appropriate finish to a chaotic, thrilling race at remodeled Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"Pretty wild," the 24-year-old Byron said. "I'm out of breath. It was crazy."

The track makeover — with new pavement and steeper banking — lived up to predictions of frenzied pack racing at blistering speeds approaching those seen at Talladega and Daytona.

It was like a short-track race at a superspeedway.

There were 46 lead changes among an Atlanta-record 20 drivers, a traffic

jam of tightly bunched cars that never got too far away from each other in a more than four-hour race, nine wrecks that took out several top contenders, and a bunch of smashed-up race cars to lug home.

"It's difficult, it's stressful, it's a different type of racing," said Rudy Fugle, the winner's crew chief.

Byron was leading off the final restart with 13 laps to go. Bubba Wallace briefly grabbed the top spot, only to have the No. 24 Rick Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet pass him right back.

Going for his second career victory, Wallace still seemed to be in the most enviable position, especially if he could get a helpful push for a slingshot on the final lap. But everyone behind Byron started dueling for position, all of them wanting to put themselves in position to make the winning move.

That worked out perfectly for Byron, who pulled away to win by 0.145 seconds over Ross Chastain while the final wreck of the day sent four cars —

including Wallace — spinning across the line.

"It's tough to be the leader," Fugle said. "We just had a lot of things go right for us."

Wallace finished 13th. The remainder of the top five was Kurt Busch, Daniel Suárez, and Corey LaJoie in his best career showing.

In one last twist, Christopher Bell actually crossed the line second, but NASCAR penalized him for dipping below the double white line on the backstretch of the last lap to get past Chastain. Bell was dropped to 23rd.

Chastain made quite a comeback after blowing a tire early in the race while leading. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. also blew a tire while running up front. Reigning series champion Kyle Larson, the front of his No. 5 Chevrolet patched with tape, had just surrendered the top spot when Denny Hamlin bumped him from behind, looking to give him a helpful push — only to send him into a spin that knocked them both out of the race.

"Everyone is kind of

hanging on for dear life," Ryan Blaney said during a caution period.

That summed things up perfectly.

### Bash brothers

On the restart after Chastain's early crash, another wreck took out both Dillon brothers.

Kyle Busch gave Austin Dillon a slight bump from behind entering the quad-oval, sending Dillon into the wall. Ty Dillon and Chase Briscoe spun behind them, leaving the younger Dillon with major damage as well.

The brothers were forced to retire, leaving Austin with a 35th-place finish and Ty in 36th.

"I was in the gas wide open and the 18 (Busch) pushed us and got me loose," Austin Dillon said. "I don't want to say any worse. My feelings are hurt. That's the second week in a row I've been taken out."

At Phoenix, Suárez made contact with Dillon on the final lap and sent the No. 3 into the wall, costing him a top-10 finish.

## Florida QB Jones transferring after 2 spring practices

By MARK LONG  
AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Quarterback Emory Jones is leaving Florida after just two days of spring practice.

Jones announced Saturday he is entering the NCAA transfer portal, an about-face for a fifth-year senior who said earlier this week he wanted to give new coach Billy Napier and his staff a chance.

"After many conversations with my family and after putting a lot of thought into my future, I have decided to enter the transfer portal," Jones said in a social media post. "I am proud to say that I will continue my education at the University of Florida with the goal of becoming a Gator Graduate at the end of the spring semester."

Jones started 12 games for Florida in 2021, completing 64.7% of his passes for 2,734 yards, with 19 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. Jones will have two years of eligibility remaining wherever he lands.

"Emory has conducted himself with nothing but class and selflessness," coach Billy Napier said in a statement. "It is not surprising that he has earned the respect of his teammates, coaches and this entire

organization.

"I am proud of him for everything he's accomplished and for his commitment to complete his degree this spring. He is a young man with a bright future, and I wish him nothing but the best."

Jones must have felt like he didn't have much of a shot at starting for the Gators this fall. He entered spring football vying for the No. 1 job with front-runner Anthony Richardson, who is recovering from offseason surgery to repair cartilage damage in a knee. Florida has three other QBs in the mix: Ohio State backup Jack Miller transferred to Gainesville in December and joined redshirt freshmen Carlos Del Rio-Wilson and Jalen Kinna.

Jones was always considered a wild card, especially since he had one foot out the door before Florida played UCF in the Gasparilla Bowl. That game, a 29-17 loss in Tampa, seemed to seal his fate. Jones completed 14 of 36 passes for 171 yards and no touchdowns in one of his worst performances of the season.

But Napier and his staff convinced Jones to stick around and see what happens.

## Investigator: Drug kingpin targeted Ortiz

BOSTON (AP) — A Dominican drug trafficker who was jealous of David Ortiz and felt disrespected by him had him shot at a Dominican nightclub in 2019, according to private investigators the Red Sox slugger hired to look into the attack that nearly killed him.

The findings by former Boston police commissioner Edward Davis reported by the Boston Globe on Saturday contradict the theory of the crime developed by Dominican prosecutors.

Davis told the newspaper that he identified the drug-trafficker César Peralta as having orchestrated the shooting by placing a bounty on Ortiz and sanctioning the hit squad that tried to kill him. Dominican authorities did not cooperate with the private investigation.

Peralta is being held in

held without bail in Puerto Rico on unrelated charges of conspiracy to import cocaine and heroin. The U.S. Treasury designated Peralta a drug kingpin in 2019 and he was extradited to the U.S. territory in December.

Ortiz's spokesperson, Joe Baerlein, told the Globe that Davis' findings were withheld for Ortiz's safety until Peralta was in U.S. custody.

Peralta has not been charged in relation to Ortiz's shooting. Peralta's lawyer, Joaquin Perez, said Peralta had nothing to do with the attempt on Ortiz's life.

"As bad as César Peralta is, it's not even close to being in the ballpark to say he had something to do with this," Perez said.

Perez described Ortiz and Peralta as "close friends." Ortiz told the Globe he knew Peralta only casually and that he was "sad, con-

fused, angry, all kinds of emotions" when he received the news from Davis and Ric Prado, a former high-ranking CIA official who participated in the inquiry.

Dominican authorities have said the target was meant to be Sixto David Fernandez, who was sharing a table with Ortiz when he was shot. Authorities said the hit men confused Fernandez with Ortiz, one of the most popular Dominican ballplayers ever.

Thirteen people have been charged in relation to Ortiz's shooting and are awaiting trial in the Dominican Republic.

Baerlein said Ortiz was waiting further legal action in the Dominican and U.S. courts to bring clarity about why this happened to him.

A 10-time All-Star, Ortiz helped the Red Sox end their 86-year championship

drought in 2004 and batted .688 against the St. Louis Cardinals in 2013 to win the Series MVP.

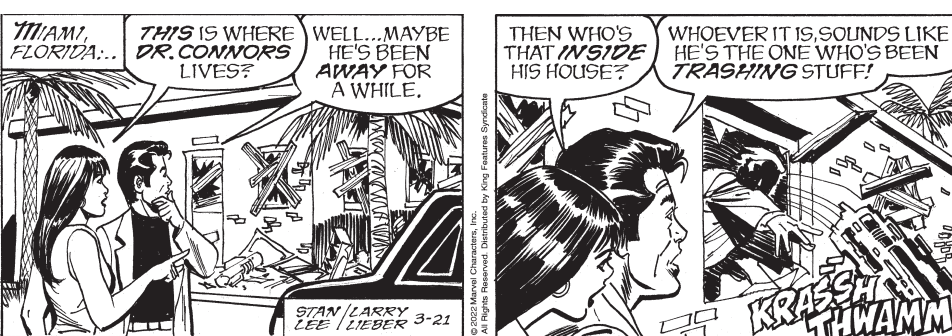
Ortiz retired after the 2016 season with 541 home runs, and the team retired his uniform No. 34. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first appearance on the ballot in January.

Ortiz maintained a home in the Boston area and had been living part of the year in the Dominican Republic. He was seriously wounded in the June 9, 2019 shooting. Doctors in the Dominican Republic removed Ortiz's gallbladder and part of his intestine after the shooting and he underwent further surgery in the U.S.

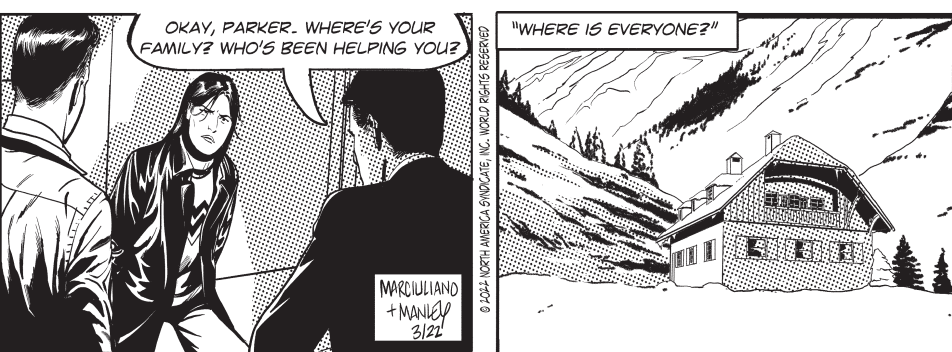
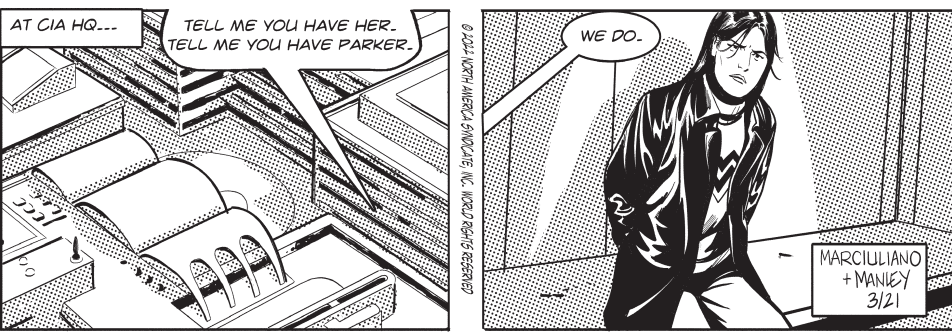
Ortiz told the Globe he wants to know why anyone might want him dead, but "the most important thing is, thank God I'm alive."



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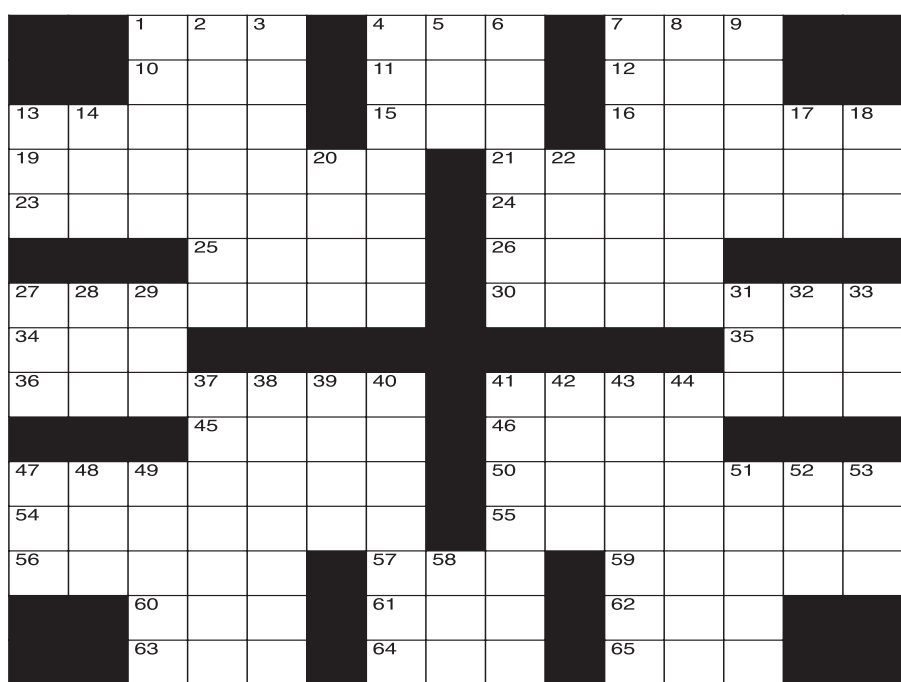
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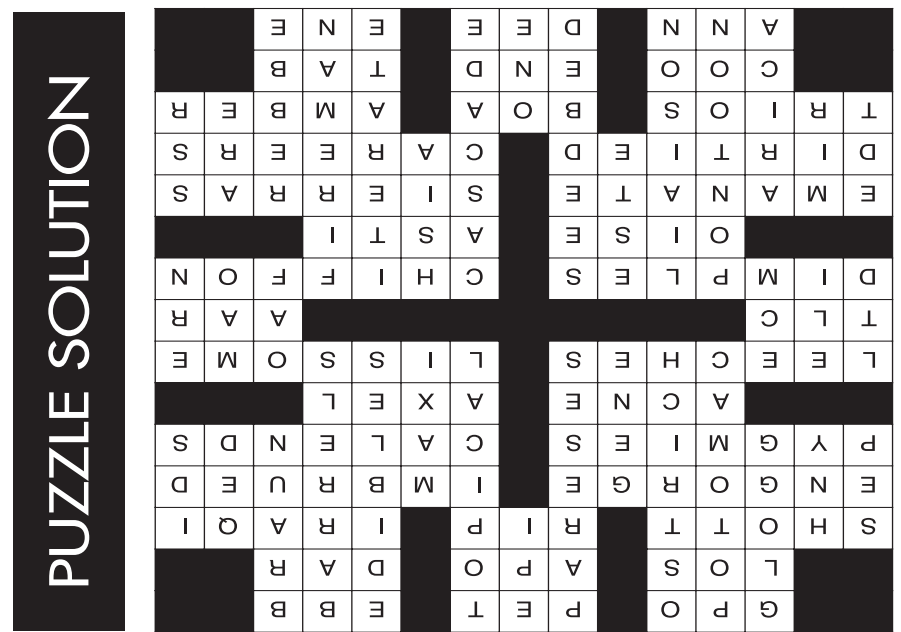


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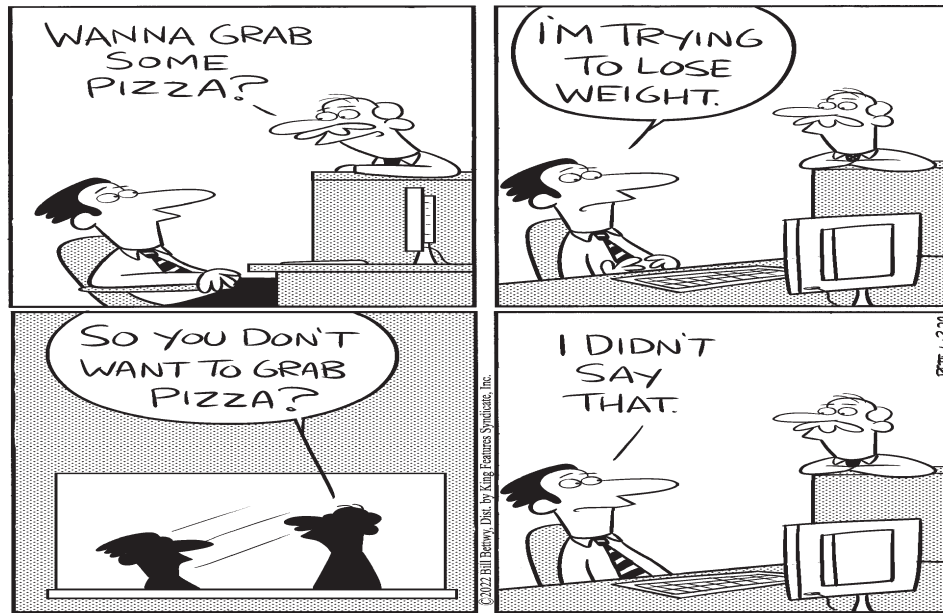
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- 15. Tear apart
- 16. Middle Easterner
- 19. Eat to excess
- 21. Stained
- 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 24. 1st day of month
- 25. Skin disease
- 26. Skating figure
- 27. Annelids
- 30. Gracefully slender
- 34. Kids need it
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Indents
- 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- 45. Belgian River
- 46. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 47. Originate from
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Made less clean
- 55. Professions
- 56. 3s
- 57. Scarf
- 59. Yellow light
- 60. Bird noise
- 61. Opposite of start
- 62. Bar bill
- 63. Northeastern Mass. cape
- 64. American rocker Snider
- 65. Midway between northeast and east

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Scandinavian drink
- 2. Washington river
- 3. Fast-running flightless bird
- 4. Nerve conditions
- 5. Indicates near
- 6. Immediate relevance
- 7. Things you can eat
- 8. Receptacles
- 9. Retired Brewers great
- 13. Month
- 14. Happy New Year!
- 17. Exclamation to convey truth
- 18. Passports and licenses are two
- 20. Ebert's partner Siskel
- 22. Long skirt
- 27. Part of company name
- 28. Drugmaker \_\_ Lilly
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Klutz
- 32. Chinese statesman
- 33. Stir with emotion
- 37. Flat-bottomed boat
- 38. Go-between
- 39. This (Spanish)
- 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- 41. Small waterfall
- 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- 43. Utter repeatedly
- 44. One of the bravest
- 47. Sun up in New York
- 48. Space station
- 49. Chilean seaport
- 51. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 52. They \_\_
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Single unit



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**ASTROGRAPH**

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Spending time alone could be good for you this week, Aries. While working toward your goals, you also are enjoying some much-needed peace and quiet.  
**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Your friends may be pushing you to move forward since you seem to be stuck in the past, Taurus. Don't stay stagnant for too long or you may lose motivation for change.  
**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
A collaboration with someone close to you yields surprising results, Gemini. You may have been looking for inspiration for some time and finally found it.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, a longing for adventure points you in all sorts of different directions over the next few days. You have to try on a few different hats to find the right fit.  
**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, a fantastic investment opportunity comes your way but there is a lot of red tape that could get in the way if you let it. Work through all angles to make things happen.  
**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, idolizing someone can have its pluses and minuses. You may have a picture of a person that is impossible to live up

to. Temper your expectations.  
**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, a rigid schedule may work for some, but not everyone. Incorporate a little flexibility into your life and others may be flocking to your laid-back style.  
**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Talk to someone about a creative idea that you have had, Scorpio. This person may offer valuable feedback that can guide you as you try to flesh out your idea into something tangible.  
**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you may be interested in having a lot of fun, but someone keeps throwing a wet

blanket on your ideas. Don't let it derail your plans.  
**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
It's easy to give opinions and pick sides, but don't get pinned down to a particular position until you've tried several different options, Capricorn. Then you'll have a good idea.  
**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Others may not understand the way you manage money, Aquarius. But you have a clear understanding of your particular brand of logic.  
**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, friends are a strong presence in your life right now and you are very grateful for all

that they provide you. Let them know.  
**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
**MARCH 20**  
Spike Lee, Director (65)  
**MARCH 21**  
Jace Norman, Actor (22)  
**MARCH 22**  
Reese Witherspoon, Actress (46)  
**MARCH 23**  
Brett Eldredge, Singer (36)  
**MARCH 24**  
The Undertaker, Wrestler (57)  
**MARCH 25**  
Elton John, Singer (75)  
**MARCH 26**  
Keira Knightley, Actress (37)



TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 22, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNH, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MARCH 23, 2022

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THURSDAY EVENING

MARCH 24, 2022

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FRIDAY EVENING

MARCH 25, 2022

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SATURDAY EVENING

MARCH 26, 2022

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SUNDAY EVENING

MARCH 27, 2022

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MONDAY EVENING

MARCH 28, 2022

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TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 29, 2022

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Default having been made by failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a certain promissory note dated June 26, 2019, executed by John A. Smith and wife, Freda Smith, payable to Midstate Finance Co., Inc., a Tennessee corporation, and of a certain deed of trust dated June 26, 2019, executed

by John A. Smith and wife, Freda Smith, recorded in Trust Deed Book 939, page 138, Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee; WHEREAS, said John A. Smith and wife, Freda Smith, conveyed in trust the property described in said deed of trust to Chasity Hindman, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness therein described, including said note; WHEREAS, said note has been declared due and payable, as provided in said deed of trust and note, and payment has not been made as demanded; WHEREAS, William E. Shofner, as set forth in Trust Deed Book 1039, page 995, said Register's Office, has been appointed as Substitute Trustee in the place and stead of Chasity Hindman, Trustee under said deed of trust; WHEREAS, notice is hereby given that William E. Shofner, Substitute Trustee, having been requested to do so by the lawful owner of said indebtedness, will, on **Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 12:00 Noon**, at the south door of the Courthouse in Bedford County, Tennessee, sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead and dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in said deed of trust, that certain real estate in Bedford County, Tennessee, as encumbered by said deed of trust and as fully described in special warranty deed in Deed Book 322, page 315, said Register's Office, as well as deed of record in Deed Book 325, page 239, said Register's Office. This property is improved property located in the 18th Civil District of Bedford Co., TN and is known as **1647 Warner Bridge Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160**, as shown on **Map 81, parcel 15.04**, Bedford County, Tennessee, and which includes a 2000 Fleetwood Stone-ridge Manufactured Home, 27x56, bearing serial number

TNFLY27AB54545SR12 or TNFLY27AB545SR12. Said sale is subject to any and all unpaid taxes and any other prior claims, liens, easements, set back lines and restrictions. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: Bedford County Trustee. This property is being sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including, without limitation, fitness for a particular purpose or use. Substitute Trustee: William E. Shofner, Esq. 615 North Main Street Shelbyville, TN 37160 931-684-2632 (Mar. 1, 15, 22, 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Shelbyville Animal Control is seeking applicants for the position of full time Animal Control Officer. Minimal qualifications must include the following: 18 years of age or older, with High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and valid TN Driver's License. The employee is under the immediate supervision of the Supervisor of Animal Control and the Deputy Chief of Police. The employee will assist with the enforcement of the animal-rabies control ordinances of the City. The employee will be required to perform any other tasks as may be required to accomplish the essential functions of the position. This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$15.77 plus benefits. Applications and a copy of the job description may be picked up from City Hall during normal business hours or download from

the City website: [www.shelbyvilletn.org](http://www.shelbyvilletn.org). Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 North Spring Street or emailed to [stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org](mailto:stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org) and will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful applicants will be required to pass a background check, physical, and drug screen. Stacey Claxton Human Resources Generalist (Mar. 12, 15, 19, 22, 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for Part-Time Firefighters for the Shelbyville Fire Department. The firefighter must perform general firefighting work in combating and extinguishing fires when called upon by the Shelbyville Fire Department. Minimum age to apply is 18 years old. Must possess, and maintain, a valid Tennessee driver's license. This is a part-time position with an hourly rate of \$10.00. Applications and a copy of job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: [www.shelbyvilletn.org](http://www.shelbyvilletn.org). In addition, please include work record and training class certifications. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to [stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org](mailto:stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org) and will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Must pass a pre-employment background check, physical, and drug test. Must pass a physical ability and written test administered by the Department.

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**Public Notice**  
The City of Shelbyville is seeking applicants for the position of part-time/seasonal laborer for City Cemetery locations. Valid Tennessee Driver's License required. Must be 18 years old to apply. Duties include mowing, weed eating, litter and trash pickup, and ground maintenance. This is a part-time/seasonal position with an hourly rate of \$10.00. Applications and a copy of the job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: [www.shelbyvilletn.org](http://www.shelbyvilletn.org). Application/job description must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring St. or emailed to [stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org](mailto:stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org) and will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful Applicants will be required to pass a physical, drug screen, and background check.

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**Public Notice**  
The Shelbyville City Council will meet for a Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 12:00 PM at the Shelbyville Recreation Center Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The following matters will be up for consideration at this meeting:  
I. Call to Order  
II. Roll Call  
III. Adopt the Agenda  
IV. Approval of Minutes  
A. Minutes of Special Called City Council Meeting of March 17th. Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read captions only on Ordinances and Resolutions  
V. Resolutions - First Reading:  
A. A Resolution Adopting a Plan of Service for an Area Proposed for Annexation, the Territory is a 33.6 (+/-) Acres Tract of Land Located at 2905 Highway 231 North, Located on the Westside of Highway 231 North and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 50, Parcel 11.00 to be Annexed by Owner Consent and to be Incorporated Within the Boundaries of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee and Owned by the City of Shelbyville and Bedford County.  
B. 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 33.6 (+/-) Acres Tract of Land Located at 2905 Highway 231 North, and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 50, Parcel 11.00 and Owned by the City of Shelbyville and Bedford County.  
C. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing a Grant Application With the Federal Aviation Administration for Funds Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BILL) in an Amount not to Exceed \$975,000.  
D. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing a Grant Application With the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in an Amount not to Exceed \$32,000.  
E. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing the City Mayor to sign checks for the City of Shelbyville.  
VI. Ordinance - First Reading  
A. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 33.6 (+/-) Acres Owned by the City of Shelbyville and Bedford County, Located at 2905 Highway 231 North, On the West Side of Highway 231 North Just Above Frank Martin Road and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 50, Parcel 11.00 from Bedford County A-1 (Agricultural and Forestry) to Shelbyville Commercial-2 (C-2), and Repealing and Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.  
VII. Business  
A. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize City Staff to begin the search for a new City Manager.  
VIII. Appointments  
A. Beer Board  
B. 231 N. Business Park Committee  
IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn  
Mayor Wallace Cartwright (March 22, 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department is seeking applicants for the position of seasonal/part-time Summer Day Camp Leader. Applicants must be available to work May-July. Must be available 7:30am-5:30, Monday through Friday and 2-3 Saturday mornings for the season. Valid Tennessee driver's license required. Must be at least 16 years old to apply. This is a part-time/seasonal position with an hourly rate of \$10.00. Applications and a complete job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: [www.shelbyvilletn.org](http://www.shelbyvilletn.org). Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring St. or emailed to [stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org](mailto:stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org) and will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful Applicants will be required to pass a Background check, Drug Screen, and Physical.  
Stacey Claxton Human Resources Generalist (Mar. 12, 15, 19, 22, 2022)

The Shelbyville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will meet on Monday, 3/28/2021 in a Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM, Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. Call City Hall with questions 931-684-9001. Agenda: 1. Call to Order; 2. Roll Call; 3. Approval of Agenda; 4. Approval of Minutes from HZC Meeting of January 24th, 2022; 5. New Business; A. 514 Belmont Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign in Belmont Historic District; 6. Adjourn. (Mar. 22, 2022)

**Tree Seedling Giveaway**  
The Elk Valley Forestry Association is having a tree seedling giveaway on Saturday March 26 at the Fayetteville/Lincoln County Farmers Markets from 9:30 to 12:30. Up to ten seedlings will be provided to each party. The seedling type to be given away is white oak. EVFA members and tree enthusiasts will be on hand to answer any questions about trees, forest management, and planting instructions. The Farmers Market in Fayetteville is located at 414 Lincoln Ave South. For those who wish to help at the giveaway, please arrive at 9:00. For further information, EFVA may be contacted at [evfa.tn@gmail.com](mailto:evfa.tn@gmail.com) or through the Elk Valley Forestry Association Facebook page.

(Mar. 12, 15, 19, 22, 2022)

## BARGAINS

ATN Trident Pro4x-CGT 2nd Gen. night vision rifle scope w/IR, nice, extras, \$450

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**Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary**  
Nashville, TN  
For Week Ending:  
Receipts: 6,428  
Last Week: 4,958  
Last Year: 7,729

USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News  
Monday, March 21, 2022  
Saturday, March 19, 2022  
Last Year: 7,729

Compared to last week, feeder steers were unevenly steady with instances of 2.00 higher to 2.00 lower, and feeder heifers were mostly steady to 3.00 higher. Feeder classes were in good demand throughout the week, especially for preconditioned groups of cattle. Slaughter cows were mostly steady to 4.00 higher, while slaughter bulls were 4.00-7.00 higher with very good demand for slaughter classes.

STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	186.11	196.09	174.68
350-400 lbs	186.49	195.04	171.73
400-450 lbs	181.62	190.22	165.99
450-500 lbs	178.37	183.47	164.52
500-550 lbs	170.61	175.47	151.31
550-600 lbs	164.42	165.44	145.85
600-650 lbs	156.85	158.99	138.13
650-700 lbs	149.05	151.91	133.21
700-750 lbs	138.21	142.77	122.18
750-800 lbs	135.01	139.66	117.54
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	158.79	161.69	145.43
350-400 lbs	159.49	155.54	141.01
400-450 lbs	157.35	153.33	139.45
450-500 lbs	152.99	152.39	134.88
500-550 lbs	149.37	146.52	129.12
550-600 lbs	142.01	142.65	123.31
600-650 lbs	134.69	134.53	118.41
650-700 lbs	130.49	132.13	116.99
700-750 lbs	122.28	126.86	107.38
750-800 lbs	119.67	122.25	102.19

**WEEKLY COW SUMMARY**

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	67.00-90.00	84.00-100.00	61.00-78.00
Boners	70.00-92.00	81.00-109.50	59.00-78.00
Lean	53.00-77.00	70.00-85.00	45.00-61.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1's	95.00-120.00	109.00-130.00	58.00-103.00

February 28, 2022  
Columbia, TN  
GOATS: 351  
Kids Selection 1: 45 lbs 450.00; 52-54 lbs 430.00-450.00; 62-69 lbs 415.00-430.00; 80-88 lbs 375.00; 109 lbs 335.00. Kids Selection 2: 48 lbs 400.00; 50-56 lbs 400.00; 60-68 lbs 385.00-400.00; 80-85 lbs 360.00-375.00; 98 lbs 355.00.  
LAMBS: 249  
Wooled & Shorn-Choice and Prime 2-3: 65 lbs 350.00; 70 lbs 350.00; 128 lbs 250.00. Hair Breeds-Chice and Prime 2-3: 47-49 lbs 380.00-390.00; 52-53 lbs 385.00-405.00; 65-69 lbs 360.00-395.00; 77 lbs 360.00; 81-87 lb View Full Report

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	7.02-7.88	7.08-7.93	5.73-6.00
Soybeans	16.29-17.06	16.39-17.25	14.16-14.48
New Crop Wheat	8.95-12.27	9.02-12.02	6.04-6.43

## Ukraine rejects Russian demand for Mariupol surrender

LVIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian officials defiantly rejected a Russian demand that their forces in Mariupol lay down their arms and raise white flags Monday in exchange for safe passage out of the besieged port city.

As Russia intensified its effort to pound Mariupol into submission, its ground offensive in other parts of Ukraine has become bogged down. Western officials and analysts say the conflict is turning into a grinding war of attrition, with Russia bombarding cities.

In the capital, Kyiv, a shopping center in the densely populated Podil district near the city center was a smoking ruin after being hit late Sunday by shelling that killed eight people, according to emergency officials. The attack shattered every window in a neighboring high-rise.

Ukrainian authorities also said Russia shelled a chemical plant in northeastern Ukraine, sending toxic ammonia leaking into the air, and hit a military training base in the west with cruise missiles.

The encircled southern city of Mariupol on the Sea of Azov has seen some of the worst horrors of the war, under Russian pounding for more than three weeks, in what Ukrainian and Western officials have branded a war crime.

Hours before Russia's offer to open corridors out of the city in return for the capitulation of its defenders, an art school where some 400 people were taking shelter was hit by an airstrike, according to Ukrainian officials.

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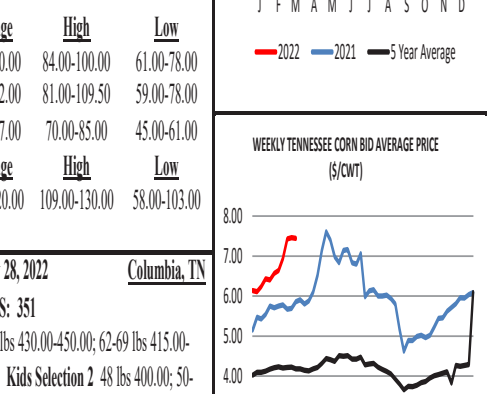
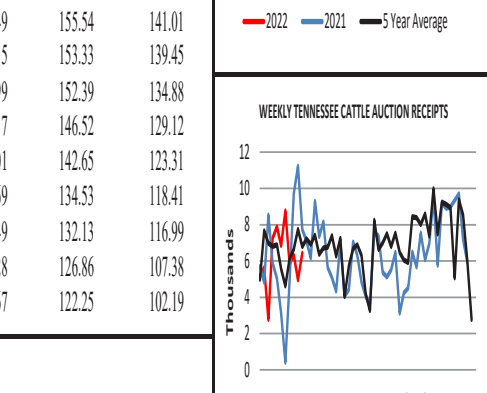
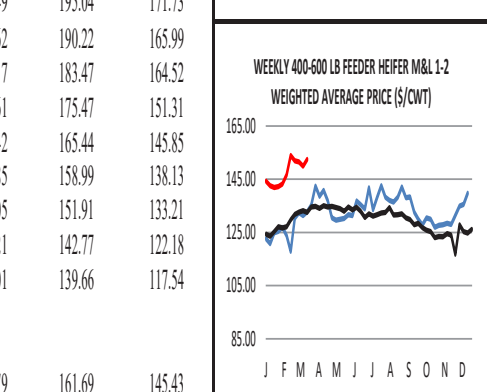
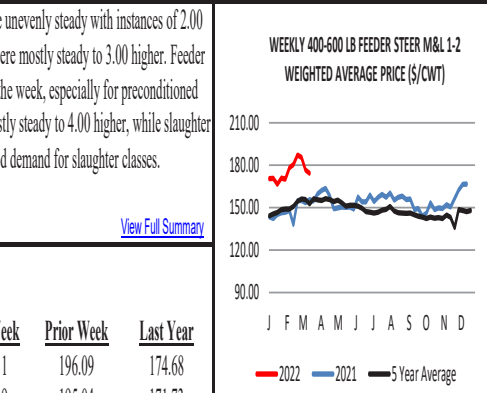
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## Budget on lawmakers' minds

*"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new" -Socrates*

Tempers are running high as people are working hard to get their bills moving forward before all of our committees close. Several committees closed this week and we hope to get the others wrapped up soon. Our next big item will be the budget and that's bound to create lots of discussion. Almost all my bills are in their final steps, so I'll be glad to have that behind me.

On Monday morning, the House and Senate Transportation Committees were invited to tour the Metro Nashville Airport (BNA). We took a bus at 10:00 am to the airport and Doug Kreulen, the airport president, gave us an eye opening tour of their fantastic facility. They are currently spending \$1.6 billion enlarging and remodeling their facility. They handle over 25,000 passengers inbound and over 25,000 passengers outbound each and every day! They are enlarging the parking area and garage from 2,000 parking spaces to over 7,000 spaces. Doug told us about an area around the runway that they are filling in and planning to use for parking planes over. This area is going to take 90,000 dump truck loads of fill to repair for future use. They are also building a big multistory Hilton Hotel and a new shopping area. An amazing tour!

Monday night, after the House Floor Session, I met Shelbyville Mayor Wallace Cartwright and Council Member Henry Feldhaus for dinner. They were in Nashville for their annual Tennessee Municipal League events.

Tuesday was TN Librarian Day on the Hill. Hannah Little, with the Webb School Library, stopped by to visit with Senator Reeves and me. She gave us many good

things to think about concerning our libraries in Tennessee. Also, I ran into Sharon Edwards who is up here quite often working hard to share the TN librarians' concerns.

Early Wednesday morning, the Leadership Bedford group got up early and rode a bus up from Shelbyville. They arrived at the Cordell Hull Building at 7:45 am for breakfast and then a busy day around the Capitol. There were around 40 members (adults and students) in the group this year and their leader this year is Carol Garrette. Senator Reeves and I started out speaking to them and then we had several guest speakers, including Comptroller Mumpower and Sec. of State Tre Hargett. They had a mock session on the House Floor, a picture with the Governor, lunch at Puckett's downtown, and a tour of the Capitol. We were all super proud to have them visit the State Capitol.

One of my big bills this year was brought to me by the Governor and the TN Dept. of Safety. I'm carrying HB 2146 and it aims to alleviate the nation's supply chain crisis and attract more qualified candidates to the trucking industry. We are short on drivers and there are too many obstacles that have made it difficult for new ones to enter the trucking industry. The bill will increase resources of the Dept. of Safety and Homeland Security to allow for a quicker turnaround time for scheduling commercial driving skills tests. The bill will also expand options for approved 3rd party partners to conduct more commercial driving skills tests on the department's behalf. It also lowers the age of eligibility for a Class A or B license from 21 to 18 years when the applicant operates a commercial vehicle solely within TN and meets other certain conditions. In addition, House Bill

**Pat Marsh**

State Rep.  
62nd district



2146 also authorizes the TN Dept. of Correction and the Dept. of Safety to jointly create a CDL training program for offenders who, upon release from prison, may be suitable for careers in the transportation industry. I think this is a great bill and it's going to help immensely.

As you know, we are also facing a teacher shortage in many locations. The House unanimously passed legislation that would help our school districts address this problem. HB 2783 allows retired members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) to be reemployed as a K-12 teacher, K-12 substitute teacher, or as a K-12 bus driver without the loss or suspension of the retired member's benefits. During reemployment, retirement benefits would be reduced to 70%. Currently, some retired members of TCRS can return to work, but only for a maximum of 120 days. This bill removes that limit, allowing for 180 calendar days as long as each retiree that participates is 60 days or more past their retirement date.

This past Friday night, I attended the 35th Annual Fabulous 50's show in Fayetteville. They had 9 performances over a 2 week period and are estimated to raise over \$70,000 to go to local charities in Lincoln County. It was certainly a fabulous show with all local talent and they sure make our area proud.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by my office in the Cordell Hull Building, Suite 610 or give me a call. You can reach me at (615) 741-6824 or by email at rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov.

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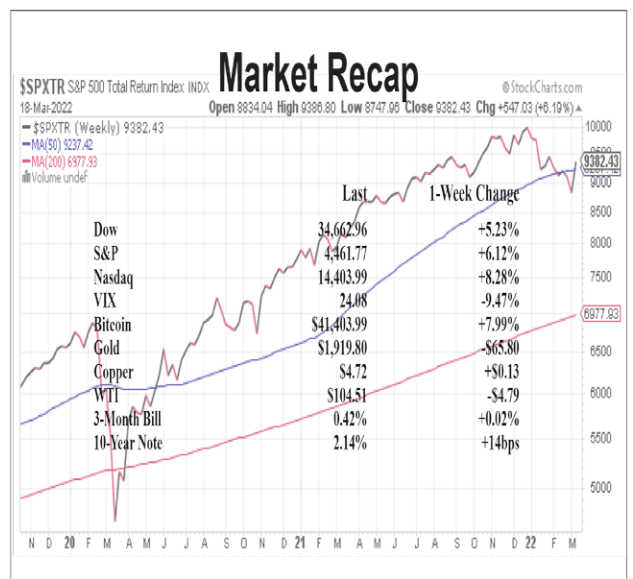


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