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TENNESSEE EDUCATION COMMISSIONER PENNY SCHWINN



Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn was greeted by Bedford County Director of Schools Tammy Garrett on Thursday afternoon during the state official's stopover at Community High School.

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INSIDE TODAY'S T-G

Education commissioner visits Community

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn stopped off at Community High School Thursday afternoon with Bedford County faculty and staff discussing the new Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) funding.

A billion dollars is being invested in more student resources next year, according to Schwinn. The new legislation will be published early next week, and Schwinn said they are looking for as much robust commentary as possible.

Schwinn said, "The rules are really nitty-gritty implementation pieces about how things work, how is data submitted, when is it not submitted, for students with disabilities, for English learners, for gifted students We're really asking for folks, even though it's summer, to look at the rules."

The TISA funding formula is "student based" whereas the prior Basic Education Program (BEP)

formula was resource-based, according to Bedford County Director of Schools Tammy Garrett.

How does it work?

Schools that have students who require learning aids, such as dyslexic, ESL, or gifted students, will receive more funding. They will also receive more money for Career and Technical Education (CTE) students since these kinds of programs require high-dollar equipment.

The new CTE wing at Community High will include cosmetology classes. Garrett added that Bedford County Schools received approval to start an aviation mechanics program as Middle Tennessee State University's aerospace program will be moving to Shelbyville Municipal Airport.

"We want to give our students lots of different opportunities to get a job," said Garrett. "So, we're very excited about TISA. It will

accelerate learning."

A common question about the new funding is if it would be an incentive for school systems to identify certain students, such as special needs, gifted or from poor socio-economic backgrounds, with learning aids more often.

Garrett said, "There are requirements and you're monitored to make sure you're testing kids in an adequate way. They monitor how many males and females you refer. There is criteria and some students will not meet it."

Future BCS plans

With the new funding, Garrett said BCS will receive \$11 million more a year in state funding. The county looks to put that money towards:

- Providing interventionists to help close the gap in reading. "Our goal is to make sure all of our students are reading by third grade. The state has a benchmark of 75 percent."

- Hiring more English Language Learner teachers. "We are significantly underfunded in that area, so we've got to get small groups of instruction."

- Continuing summer learning camps. "This is the last year of the state COVID money [ESSER funds] that we can do that."

- Implementing high-dosage tutoring. "This will be to either close the gaps or accelerate the learning of students who have already mastered a topic."

- Making sure there are enough guidance counselors, nurses, and Student Resource Officers (SROs.) "One of the other things I'd love for us to do this year or next year is put SROs in the elementary schools...so I'm going to work with the sheriff's department to try and get that implemented."

"We want to definitely take this next year and do a needs assessment and really study what makes a difference and what impacts

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Dates, info set for county, city elections

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The Election Commission met in a meeting Wednesday morning to set early voting times and days, select poll officials, and call the Normandy and Wartrace elections.

The commission voted to set early voting from July 15 to July 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The State primary elections and Bedford County general election will be on August 4, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City elections are not partisan and will have their general election in November, except for Bell Buckle whose city elections will be in August.

Chairman Danny Robbins asked Election Administrator Summer Leverette if there would be a tremendous turnout or not.

"You have your state primary, which will be the governor election," Leverette said. Major races like this tend to bring in a higher turnout, according to Leverette.

District 5 in Bedford is considered "competitive" with six candidates running, including: Scott Johnson (R), Jeff Sweeney (R), Bo Wilson

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EARLY MORNING RAINBOW



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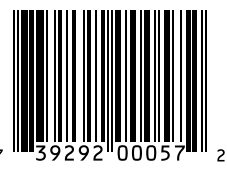
This rainbow could be viewed from the Bedford County line on U.S. 41A going north toward Shelbyville on Thursday morning. Perhaps it is a sign of better days ahead?



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DEATH NOTICES

Ebba Marie York Anderson

May 29, 2022

Ebba Marie York Anderson, 73, of Petersburg passed away Sunday, May 29, 2022 at her residence.

Per her request, she was cremated with a memorial service Friday, June 3 at Gowen-Smith Chapel with minister Steve Powell officiating.



Carolyn Ann Davis

May 31, 2022

Carolyn Ann Davis, 65, of Tullahoma, passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2022, under the loving care and comfort of her family, NHC Tullahoma, and Hospice Compassus.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Tullahoma. Visitation will begin at 12 noon.

OBITUARIES

Craig Marcel Alexander

May 29, 2022

Craig Marcel Alexander, 62, of Normandy, passed this life on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at his home.

Craig was born in Manchester to the late Frank and Jean Hannah Alexander. During his life he worked as a carpenter in residential construction. He was an avid outdoorsman, and loved to hunt and fish.

Craig is survived by two brothers, Andy (Suzanne) Alexander and Barry (Debbie) Alexander; one sister, Deedie (Joe) Felecia; nephews and niece, Joshua (Erica), Taylor (Mindy), and Courtney; great nephews and niece, County, Cole, Mara, Kase and Kole; and countless cousins and friends.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at Kilgore Funeral Home in Tullahoma. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Kilgore Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Bernice J. Chastain

May 29, 2022

Bernice J. Chastain, age 79, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Sunday, May 29, 2022, at home with loved ones by her side after an extended illness.

Bernice was born October 22, 1942, to the late Sydney and Nellie Tolbert Dew. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by: brother, William Dew; and sister, Vivian Stellos

She is survived by daughters Melanie Bryant, Lisa Bryant, and Karen Mansfield, all of Shelbyville; son, Marty Whaley of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Christy (David) Morris, Shasta Hill, Tiffany Goble, Amber (Andrew) Crick, Matt Moon, Morgan Whaley, and Sophia (Justin) Mangrum; 22 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; sister, Mary Linda Hamm of Alabama; and brother, Thomas Dew of Alabama.

Per her request, she is to be cremated and no public services held.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com



Timothy Wayne 'Timmy' Mooningham

May 28, 2022

Timothy Wayne "Timmy" Mooningham, 38, of Shelbyville, passed from this life suddenly Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Funeral service were held Friday, June 3, 2022, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Richard Dugger officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Timmy was a native of Shelbyville, born April 18, 1984, to Sandra Farrar Mooningham Pena and the late Terry Mooningham. Along with his father he is preceded in death by: grandparents, Claude and Janice Mooningham, James H. Farrar, and Virginia Ray and Jason Ray; and uncles, Calvin Mooningham, Billy Joe Mooningham and Tommy Paul Farrar.

He is survived by: mother, Sandra Farrar Mooningham Pena of Shelbyville; brothers, Troy Brewer and T.J. Mooningham, both of Shelbyville; aunts, Creda Mooningham Tucker, Mary Ellen (Chris) Clay, Samantha (Terry) Bible, April (Michael) Walker, Beverly Farrar and Melissa (Rawhide) Kelly; uncles, James Farrar, Greg Mooningham, James "Togie" Farrar, Anthony Farrar, Jake Ray and William Ray.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com



OBITUARIES

Sue Ann Spradlin Ray

May 31, 2022

Funeral services for Sue Ann Spradlin Ray, 79, of Shelbyville, will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2022, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Revs. Jim Sorrells and Richard Stevenson officiating. Visitation will begin at 12 noon. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Sue Ann Spradlin Ray passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2022, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous, unwavering battle with cancer. When presented with inauspicious odds, Sue staunchly replied, "If I'm going to die, I'm going to die fighting."

Sue was born in Sylvia, Tennessee, in Dickson County, on May 24, 1943 to Edward Rhodes and Georgia Ragan Spradlin. She enjoyed helping her mother cook, working on the farm and playing with her homemade dolls. She attended Charlotte High School in Charlotte, Tennessee, for four years, transferring to McEwen High School her senior year where she graduated in 1961. Sue would later attend class reunions for both schools throughout her life. Following her graduation she attended Belmont University where she graduated in 1966. While attending Belmont, Sue was introduced to Ronnie Ray, the brother of her roommate's boyfriend, with whom she would later spend 48 wonderful years of marriage. Sue and Ronnie were life-long companions and were blessed with three wonderful children: two sons, Jeffrey and Michael and one daughter, Angela.

When she wasn't home cooking and caring for her family, Sue worked for the Department of Human Services where her colleagues appreciated the clever sense of humor she brought to the office every day. She would later retire after 33 years of service.

A follower of Jesus Christ, Sue faithfully attended church throughout her life, raising her children to be strong in the faith as well (Proverbs 22:6), teaching them the Amazing Grace offered through an authentic, personal relationship with Christ the Savior. A skilled pianist, Sue would later lead worship services at Immanuel Baptist Church, also being asked to fill in at other local churches when needed.

In the evenings, Sue was known to relax from a hard day's work of chores by watching and quoting The Andy Griffith Show, watching and playing along with Wheel of Fortune (often outperforming the show's participants) and cheering on the Golden State Warriors.

Sue is survived by her children, Jeffrey (Beth) Ray of Shelbyville, Michael (Christy) Ray of Manchester and Angela Ray of Shelbyville; six grandchildren, Rachel Holder (Bryson), Blake Sissom (Becca), Dalton Ray (Amanda), Kendall Ray, Carmen (Ethan) Calvert and Sophie Ray; six great-grandchildren, Carter, Wyatt, Owen, Easton, Cole and Gatlin; sister, Ada Kate Spradlin, brother-in-law, Larry Ray (Olena), sister-in-law, Darlene Davidson (James), sister-in-law, Mildred Spradlin as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Ronnie Ray, brothers, James and Ragan (Ed) Spradlin, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Spradlin, father-in-law, Earl Ray and mother-in-law, Christine Ray.

Sue will be remembered for her kind, considerate heart, her captivating storytelling, her faithful attendance of all her children and grandchildren's ball games and events and her strong, authentic faith in Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.



Jean Marie Baird Patterson

June 2, 2022

Jean Marie Baird Patterson, 83, of Shelbyville, entered into her heavenly home Thursday, June 2, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones at her daughter's home.

Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2022, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Faye Tucker officiating. Burial will follow at Pressgrove Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12 noon.

She was a native of Bedford County, born April 6, 1939, to the late Horace Baird and Willie Bell Smith Rowland.

Jean was a lifelong member of Blankenship United Methodist Church, and a member of the Longview Community Club.

She was a 1957 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, received her business certificate from Nashville Business School and became a licensed insurance agent. She had a long career as an insurance agent mainly in sales and worked with various companies such as Farm Bureau, HB Cowan and Mullins Insurance along with assisting her daughter at Shelter Insurance. In her free time she was a country girl that enjoyed: fishing, hobby farming, planting flowers, bush hogging, and relaxing in the outdoors. She was also an avid baseball fan, loved lighthouses and covered bridges.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, Jimmy S. Patterson; brother, Jerry Baird; and step-father, Joel Rowland.

Survivors include: daughter, Tina Patterson (Terry) Davenport of Shelbyville; grandson, Matthew Stanton Davenport; brother, Randy Baird and Jim Baird; sister, Dora Baird Farrell; and caregiver, Deborah Seibers.

Memorial donations may be made to Blankenship United Methodist Church.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com



Commissioner

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learning," Garrett said.

BCS is also focusing on getting students out of portable classrooms by 2024. Liberty School will be the last addition needed to get kids at Liberty and South Side out of portables. The new elementary school to be built in northern Shelbyville will alleviate East Side and Eakin.

"We really feel like we can build a great school. We're really taking our time, working with the architects so that we can build a prototype. So, once you have a programmatic one, you can build it again and don't have to spend as much time."

"Right now, we're playing catch-up. We want to get to where we're planning ahead."

Q&A

BCS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Erin Phillips asked Schwinn during the event what her vision is for continued support as they implement new English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies materials.

Schwinn said the state's Reading 360 program as well as the adoption process for High Quality Instruction (HQI) program gave them a blueprint for what worked and what didn't.

"I think the biggest lesson learned for us is that it's important to do that on-going implementation but having it be led by the districts and then the department coming alongside," Schwinn said. "That way you can pick and choose

what works."

Science and social studies differ from ELA and math is that they will require more "contextual components" that will be specific to individual communities, according to Schwinn.

"Our job will be facilitating the structure for those local conversations and being even more agnostic than we already are in terms of really diving into the content," Schwinn said.

Community Middle School Principal Tony Garrette asked about CTE programs at the middle school level.

Schwinn said the goal is to provide students with early exposure of exploratory courses before they reach ninth grade. This can also include quarter-long programs as well as having academic advisors sit down with middle school students to direct them in their strengths and weaknesses.

Community High School Principal Robert Ralston asked about the teacher shortage across the state.

Schwinn said their big strategy is the "Grow Your Own" recruitment program. Essentially, it is an apprenticeship model where you can become a teacher for free and get paid to do so, Schwinn explained.

They are also looking at higher compensation for teachers.

"We started at \$34,000. That's where we were in 2019. Today, we're up to \$40,000, which is a significant increase in minimum teacher salary," Schwinn said. She said that will most likely increase to \$45,000 in the next three to five years.

Elections

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(I), Linda Yockey (I), Tracey Strassner (I), and Jim Walker (I). (This list is subject to change). District 5 includes the southeastern corner of the County in the Normandy and Raus areas.

Voters can also vote for school board districts 2, 3, 4, or 7 on August 4. Any member running for county commission cannot run again for school board in the same year, according to Leverette.

Leverette added that with all the school board issues going on—referring to the recent removals and position shifts of several principals—the elec-

tion office has had several write-ins already as voters become more involved with the issues at hand.

Leverette said the week after Cascade High principal Josh Young and vice principal Brad Davis were removed from their positions, "our phones were ringing off the hook...So we may have more write-ins." The deadline for write-in submissions is June 15 at noon.

Other key dates include for the State/Federal primary and the State/County general election:

- Voter registration deadline - Thursday, July 5
- Early voting - Friday, July 15 to Saturday, July 30
- Absentee ballot request deadline - Thursday, July 28

RAUS DISHES OUT THE ICE CREAM



Raus Community Club, 125 Smith Chapel Road, will have its annual ice cream supper 5 p.m., June 11. The Stones River Bluegrass Band will be performing. All proceeds support the continued upkeep of the community center.

Fantastic weather expected for weekend

Expect a beautiful start to your weekend with sunshine and 85 degrees for your Saturday along with lower humidity and a north breeze.

Sunday will be much the same but we will add a 30 percent chance of an afternoon thunderstorm as the atmosphere gets more unstable.

Looks like next week we will be in the 80s each day but there will also be a threat of afternoon showers or storms every afternoon. Rainfall for the month

Steve Norris

Weather



of May generally ranged from 4 to 5 inches across Bedford County.

I would like to hear from you anytime with questions or comments, email me at weather1@charter.net.

•Steve Norris is a trained meteorologist.

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WARTRACE UMC



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Bedford County churches do so much to help others. Wartrace United Methodist is no exception. Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9.



PASTOR FORSEE RETIRES



Pastor Glenn Forsee will officially retire this Sunday from First Assembly of God Church. He's been the congregation's leader since 1985. A special service is being held Sunday. (See full story on Pastor Forsee in future edition of T-G.)

Proverbs: A guide for successful living

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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"If we talk with Him closely today, we will be in the center of His will tomorrow." Henry Blackaby

Often text from the Book of Proverbs in the Bible is misquoted, mainly because it's been used for a variety of personal instances in life. But one thing is for certain, Proverbs remains a guide for successful living.

One of my favorite Proverbs is from 27:17. "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

This road of life is often difficult. Where would we be without our friends?

Often times our friends have to tell us things we don't want to hear. Scripture tells us that a true friend is one who challenges us to be all that God intends.

In other words, your friends should sharpen you and motivate you to do what is right in life.

Friends come in all different fashions: brothers, sisters, parents and acquaintances. On Memorial Day, we learned what it was like to give for a friend.

My paternal grandfather was a man of few words. And sometimes those words were sharp. But one of his favorite sayings was "Always do what is right."

He arrived at this conclusion, no doubt, because he was a Christian. He read his Bible; he believed in

Jesus.

To youth we often say: "Be careful who your friends are." Well, in this day and time, perhaps that's true now more than ever.

I think during COVID, we've learned how to depend more on one another—even though we couldn't get near each other.

The same is true for our friends. Choose those who will be Christ-like. And especially, choose those who help you become more spiritually mature, everyday.

Of course our best friend really is Jesus. He's unchanging, always there.

But it all comes down to reading God's Word to understand The Proverbs.

As If

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."
 Proverbs 23:7



Sometimes it is hard to see the good in others, especially when they don't treat us the way we think we deserve. It is all too easy to see others as selfish and mean-spirited. But we usually do better by believing the best rather than the worst about others. Acting "as if" you like someone and they like you is more likely to bring about friendly relations than acting as if they are your enemy. Believing that we can do a difficult task and acting on that belief is more likely to achieve those results than giving in to doubt and fear. This aspect of positive thinking also often holds true when we are talking about global or even cosmic events. Believing that we can change the world creates the impetus for positive social action. And simply believing that the world is a good and safe place changes our perspective on it. A great philosopher once said "The world

of the happy man is a happy world." When it comes to questions of faith, sometimes we have trouble believing that God is working in our lives, or even believing that God exists. But sometimes we have to act "as if" God exists in order for us to see that He does exist. Getting down on one's knees and praying is sometimes the only way to open our hearts and minds to the existence of a benevolent God. Act as if you are happy, and successful, and that there is a benevolent, loving and all-powerful God who can help you. Because all of this can be true.
 —Christopher Simon

The role of bread in the sacrament of the Eucharist

The sacrament of the Eucharist, sometimes referred to as "Holy Communion," is steeped in tradition.

One such tradition concerns the bread used during the administration of the sacrament. The bread used during the Eucharist may be referred to as "the host," and not all denominations within the Christian Church use the same type of bread. For example, in the western Catholic Church, a thin, round wafer made of unleavened bread is used during the Eucharist, while the Orthodox Church and the Eastern-rite Roman Catholic churches use leavened bread. Protestant churches may use leavened or unleavened bread for their hosts. Only practicing



Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church may bake the bread used for the Eucharist within the Orthodox Church. Nuns, priests or congregants once bore the responsibility of making

the bread for the Eucharist in the Catholic Church, but many Catholic Churches now get their bread from bakeries.

For Christians, the Eucharist is more than just bread. While denominations within the Christian Church may differ in regard to their beliefs, all Christians believe Christ is present in the Eucharist in one way or another. For example, Catholics believe in transubstantiation, the process before the administration of the Eucharist during which the bread and wine are transformed into Jesus Christ himself.

The administration of the sacrament of the Eucharist is a special moment in the lives of Christians, and bread plays a significant role at this time for Christians of all denominations.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news and events to tgnews@t-g.com.

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church will meet at 10 a.m. with Bro. Tony Billions presenting the message. The service will be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

"Your Adversary the Devil" from 1 Peter 5:8 will be Pastor Jimmy West's message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. The church's 4th of July musical will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 3 as the Praise Choir presents "We Believe."

Vacation Bible School will be held June 20-24 at **Fosterville Baptist Church** from 6-8:15 p.m. nightly for all ages, preschool through adult. The Nashville Science Guys will present Mr. Bond and his Walloping Weather Show on opening night, when pizza will be served.

Grace Baptist Church's message by Bro. Bobby McGee will be "When Pleasure Becomes Passion" from 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

The women of **Sevier Street First Baptist Church** will celebrate "Women Day" at 10 a.m. Minister Rebecca Sutton will speak and Minister Birda Trollinger is the mistress of ceremonies. R.C.Verge is Pastor.

Church of Christ

The sermon at **Fairlane Church of Christ** will be "Champions" from Philippians 3:12-14. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM) at 9 a.m.

Flat Creek Church of Christ is holding Vacation Bible School for all ages, including adults, nightly from Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. Adult speakers will be Marvin Whitworth (Sunday) and Joshua Houston (Tuesday) from Salem Creek Church of Christ and Neil Watson (Monday) of Southside Church of Christ. Dinner, a devotional, homemade ice cream and games are scheduled June 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Southside Church of Christ's lesson at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Learned at Home, Practiced in Life" from Genesis 25:27-28, part of the "Your Family Legacy" series. Assembly at Camp Joy is scheduled at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Non-Denominational

Author, speaker and broadcast journalist Monica Schmelter will speak at **International House of Prayer Ministries**, 845 Union St., at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 5.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's Pentecost Sunday sermon by Rev. Jim Moran will be from Acts 2:1-21. Attendees are asked to wear red for Pentecost. Services are livestreamed on Facebook. Vacation Bible School will be July 17-21 from 5-8:30 p.m. nightly.



Photos by Jordan Frame

Good weather, music and sparkling cars

Celebration City brings out the classics

There were lots of smiles and fun times to be had last Friday night, and likely also lots of bragging rights, as antique car owners brought their classic beauties (that is cars) out to

the historic square for the Celebration City Region Car Club's monthly Cruise-in.

The Celebration City Region, a 501c4 non profit, has an interest in all automo-

biles. This free event is always open to the public.

Locals Chase Clanton and band, Vintage Vibes, performed during Friday's event.

Cruise-ins are held the 4th Friday of the month. So mark your calendars for the next event, which is scheduled for 6 p.m., June 24, on the square.



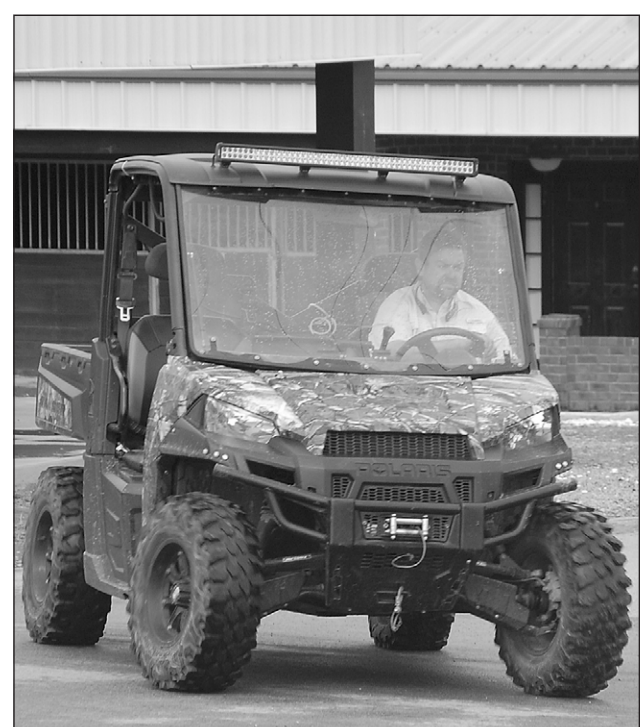
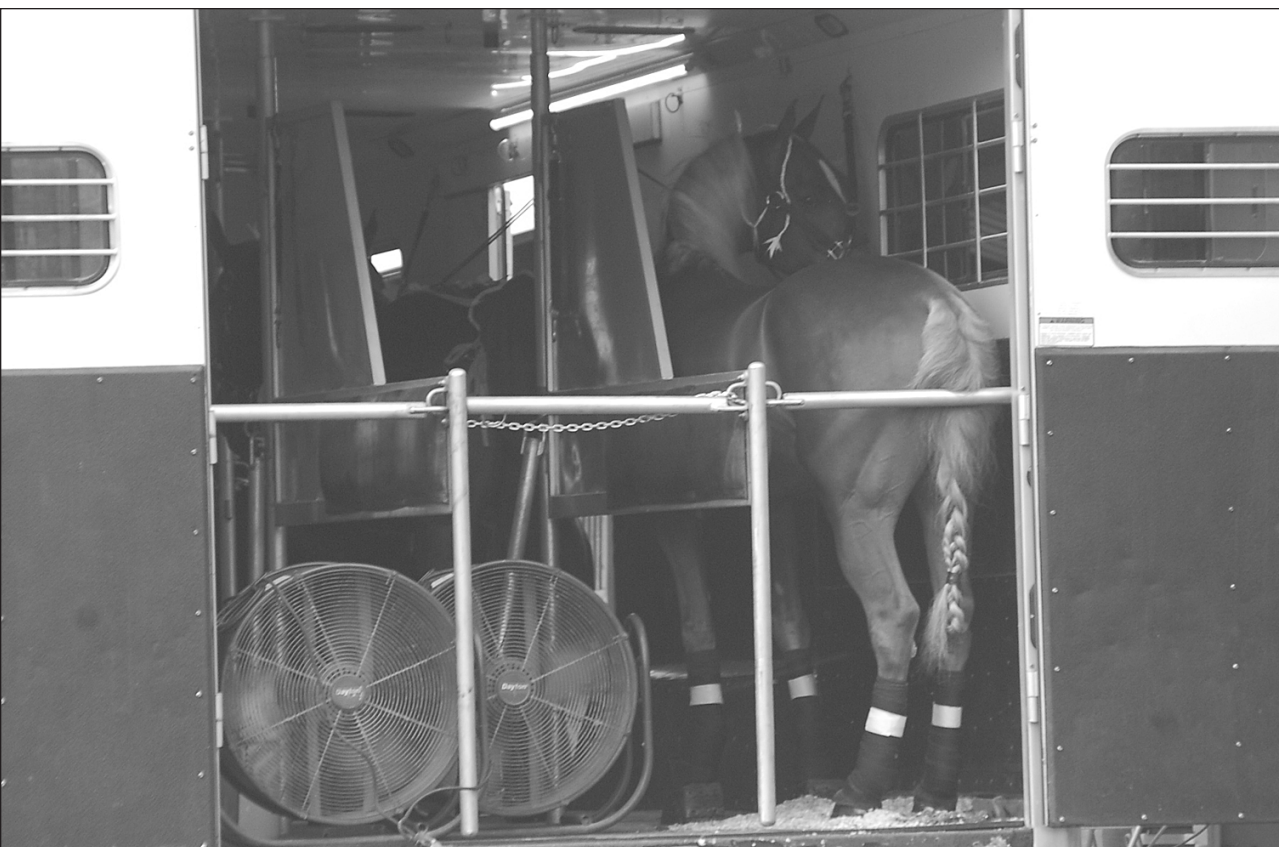
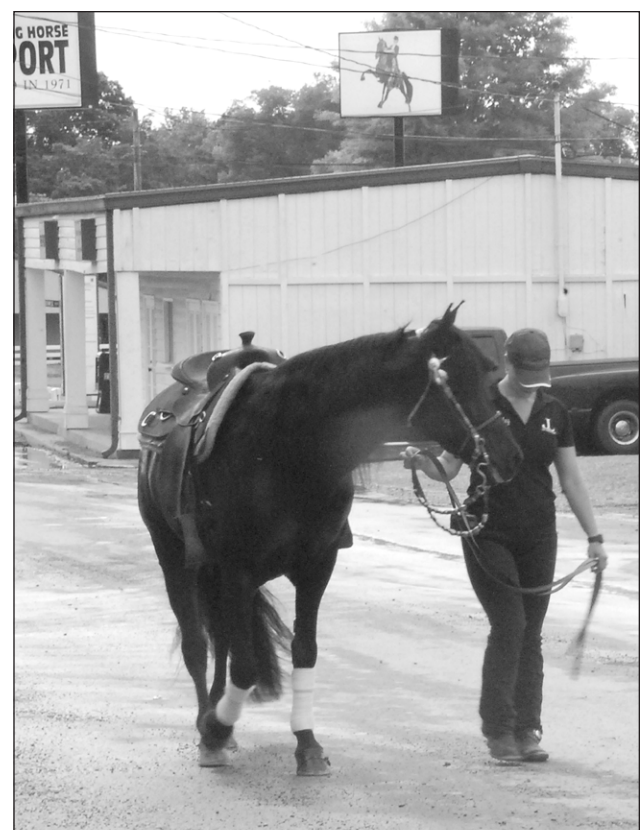


Behind the scenes: The Fun Show

Before all the glitz and ceremony at the annual Fun Show, a lot of work, and well, some catching up at the barns, takes place. Much work goes into the life of a horse owner and exhibitor.

The Fun Show was held last weekend at Calsonic Arena on the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration grounds.

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins





Kate Ducey, founder of The Holistic Connection, was guest speaker recently during the Shelbyville Garden Club meeting.



Submitted Photos

KATE DUCEY

Garden Club hosts CBD expert

Shelbyville Garden Club met recently at River Bend Country Club for its monthly meeting. Club president, Babs Chicoine, welcomed Kate Ducey, founder of The Holistic Connection, who presented an informative program, regarding CBD.

The mission of Ducey's company states "The Holistic Connection is Tennessee's premier cannabis dispensary. It was founded with the mission of delivering cannabis based alternative health and wellness solutions to our community and beyond."

"We have created an offer of pure vetted hemp derived recreational cannabis products in a young and wholly unregulated market," said Ducey. "Not only that, but we've created a retail experience around quality over quantity. All our products, such as CBD gummies, hemp oils, tinctures, CBD edibles, CBD vape oil, extracts and hemp flower are cultivated and manufactured following the safety and quality guidelines set out in MAUCRSA."

There were opportunities for club members for questioning and viewing samples of products available in all her shop locations in Middle Tennessee. The club was invited to visit in her shops to see the full array of products.

See arrangement award pictures in Tuesday's T-G.



Shelbyville Garden Club members learned about alternative health and wellness solutions. They were also educated on the medicinal uses for CBD.

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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Events to never forget

In my humble opinion there are certain historical events that we as Christians and as Americans should never, ever forget.

As Christians we should never forget: 1) The Creation; 2) The Giving of the Law to Moses; 3) The Birth of a Promised Savior; 4) The Life of that Savior, "God With Us," Emmanuel; 5) The Death of the Savior, the Lamb of God 'slain from the foundation of the world;' 6) The Resurrection of Our Savior, God's Grace Given to Men and Women; 7) The Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, where He sits at the Right Hand of God the Father; 8) The Promise of the Future and Soon Return of Jesus Christ, Our Savior, to Receive His Believers Unto Himself.

One more historical event that both Christians and all Americans should never forget is the American national holiday known as Memorial Day, which we just commemorated this past Monday, May 30, 2022.

This special day was first recognized and celebrated near the end of the Civil War. 'Memorial Day' was originally started by former slaves on May 1, 1865.

That first ceremony was held in Charleston, South Carolina to honor 257 dead Union soldiers who had been buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp.

Those former slaves worked tirelessly to dig up those bodies and then they worked for two weeks straight to give each soldier a proper burial.

Those grateful people, freed Americans, then held a parade of 10,000 people, led by 2,800 Black children who marched through the streets celebrating the sacrifice of those men.

Now, the first "official" National Memorial Day was celebrated a few years later.

The story goes that a group of women asked the War Department for permission to put flowers on the graves of soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery.

Permission was finally granted to do so, but a stern order was attached to the permission: 'No flowers were to be placed on the graves of the Confederate soldiers.'

The Confederates were buried in a segregated section of the cemetery.

The ladies carried out their task and carefully followed their instructions. Then a crowd gathered for the commemoration at

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Ed Castleman is still gardening and a long-time Shelbyville resident and County Commissioner.

Ed Castleman's garden: still growing strong

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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Long-time Shelbyville resident and County Commissioner Ed Castleman said he didn't expect to grow another garden this year. But after "piddling around," he now has several rows of vegetables growing in his back.

He and his wife of 67 years, Marie, like to try to grow a little of everything.

In their Shelbyville garden are collards, Irish potatoes, onions, cauliflower, green beans, cabbage, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes.

With those cucumbers, Marie likes to make bread and butter pickles. They give any extra of their crops to friends and family, while Ed may take some produce to the farmer's market too.

He's been gardening for 30 years. His secret: exactly right. Then in the fall, he covers his garden with fallen leaves. He'll add fertilizer, which he'll turn under the soil and add Black Kow brand manure. It makes everything grow fast as well as increases nutrient content and retains moisture efficiently.

Ed said, "It's a seasonal thing. Given you have enough showers, the garden will produce itself." It's one of the reasons why he loves gardening so much. A gardener makes something out of nothing.

Ed admits that he can't keep still and likes to be active. Marie adds that their little garden "gives



Big leafy cabbage plants are just about ready to pick.



Castleman likes to plant a few flowers as well as vegetables.

him something to do."

Both are Bedford County natives. Ed was raised in Shelbyville,

while Marie is originally from Normandy. But both say they love living in Bedford County where

they've been their entire lives. "We're just country folk who like to do country things," Marie said.



Mark McGee
My Take

Summer

Throughout my life I think the season that has changed the most is summer.

With Memorial Day being the unofficial start of summer, I started thinking about what the season used to be like. One thing I have noticed is with rare exceptions it doesn't see children playing outside anymore.

I remember as a child always being outside in the summer, usually playing baseball. I played organized baseball, but that didn't stop kids in my neighborhood from playing variations of the game during the day.

We would get four or five people together and that was enough for a game. We played with a tennis ball in a small empty field at the home of Billy and Gary Dearing. Edmund Drive was the warning track. The home run fence was a row of meticulously groomed rose bushes on the far side of the street.

At Darrell Hartsfield's house whiffle ball was the game. And if we wanted a change of pace, he had a paved and lighted basketball court. Mrs. Hartsfield was an artist for Josten's. Her art was used on greeting cards issued by pro sports teams and were drawn in great detail. Her work easel was located in her kitchen. How she worked with a bunch of guys making noise just outside her window I will never know.

If we were really ambitious and could get enough people together, we would play real baseball on a large field beside Pat Stubblefield's house.

In the fall we played football in a field beside my house.

Think about how few times you see such games being played in today's video game world.

But it wasn't just neighborhood games. During the summer months each of the elementary schools offered a program with open gyms, table tennis and baseball teams for players who didn't play on one of the local Little League teams.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour off for lunch, I, along with several others spent the day at Madison Street School, now the offices of the Bedford County Board of Education. Jim Warren, and later Joe Ingram, oversaw the programs there.

In the mornings, the school teams practiced. Some of us who were on Little League teams worked with players wanting to improve their games.

Despite the heat, and lack of air conditioning, basketball in the gym was a big draw with players from all races and economic

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Dave-A-Palooza is back in Wartrace!

Event to be July 8 & 9

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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The community of Wartrace in Bedford County has been holding music festivals for many, many years. A younger generation now continues the legacy this summer with a Dave-A-Palooza music festival planned for July 8 and 9 at 1295 Knob Creek Road. According to organizers and brothers, Ezra and David (Dave) Cataldo, it's only fitting that such an Americana festival of music be held right in the heartland. They believe the Town of Wartrace is a warm and welcoming area and provides the perfect backdrop for such an event.

It's a weekend of live Americana, folk and country music—one which is sure to spotlight new talent, songwriters, locals and award winners. Asher Cataldo, another brother, will be a featured artist.

The event begins at 6:00 p.m., on Friday. And how long you stay, well, the brothers say that's up to the choosing. There are primitive camping opportunities and those interested should go to www.Dave-a-palooza.info. Vendor booths and food trucks will be available.

"It's great music, great fun, until it's done," says Ezra. (More festival information available on Facebook.)

Family men themselves, the organizers note that Dave-A-Palooza is a family-friendly event that started in 2019 with about 125 in attendance. Each year since, (COVID did interrupt for while) the event has organically increased in size, attendance and budget.

Wearing his billed farm cap, Dave notes the festival is situ-



Brothers Dave Cataldo (left) and Ezra Cataldo of Wartrace are organizing the next Dave-A-Palooza music festival. The free event is set for July 8 and 9 just outside downtown Wartrace.

ated on about 20-acres just outside the city limits of Wartrace. He believes that in 2022, there could be thousands attend.

Ezra added, "Our goal is not only to have all of our family and friends and their friends attend Dave-A-Palooza but to invite guests from all over to experience our community and get to know us, the locals, the businesses, and the arts that make it great."

The brothers note while there's a lot of fun in store, their focus is on acoustic roots music and a relaxed listening environment with free camping and bonfires on the outskirts of the stage—that which is still well within listening range.

"As you draw closer to the front porch aesthetic of the stage, limited relaxed seating on outdoor furniture and living room furniture will be available that you can unwind on as if you were in your own home," notes Dave.

The Cataldo brothers were born and reared, educated and have remained right in their beloved Wartrace. Though, their business ventures and love of music has given them the opportunity to travel many places outside the railroad town. (See more about the Cataldo family later this summer.)

Dave-A-Palooza began at Dave's farm as a birthday party for a friend. The friend said,

"This looks like a Dave-A-palooza. The name stuck, the brothers explain.

Ezra writes and performs, as do other members of his family. This event, however, highlights many aspects of what is special about folk music. "People come to Bedford County . . . enjoy the organic," says Ezra. That encompasses everything from agricultural products to songs, the brothers note.

Dave-A-palooza is a free festival featuring Americana and roots music from headliner artists like Mary Gauthier, Logan Halstead, and many more. One thing that connects Gauthier to her fans is the truthfulness in her music, reviewers note. "On

Dark Enough To See The Stars," she mourns the loss of dear friends that include John Prine, Nancy Griffith and David Olney.

There will also be local talent, including Andy Walker, who is described as being "fiercely rooted in blues." Many of the performers have also played the Iron Horse in Wartrace, so their faces and tunes may seem familiar.

While sitting outside the Iron Horse restaurant, where David is a partner, the brothers note how they want people to feel comfortable at this event, a.k.a., come to the festival "just as they are." Ezra assures that it will be an experience of the heart and soul.



ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN'

A fun amusement park was set up this week off Madison Street. On Wednesday evening, the rides were in full swing.

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Are you wild about bookazines?

Did you get your copy of "Queen Elizabeth II: Reign in Pictures" in time for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee ceremonies?

As a bookazine fanatic, I certainly did.

Beg pardon? What's a bookazine, you ask? (I promise I am merely making educated guesses about your inquiries. I do not have the ability to read your mind. And neither does that new co-worker you've been undressing with your eyes. But I digress.)

Bookazines combine the permanence of a book with the vivid images, pithy text and exciting layouts of a magazine. (If you grew up reading "Classics Illustrated" comics, you

can probably appreciate the blend of formats. You may also appreciate how paper cuts from bookazines distract you from the trauma of your parents having THROWN OUT your comic books.)

The glossy paper and factoid-infused sidebars of bookazines make for compelling reading. (I'd still love to see the historical sidebar "10 People Who Were Hideously Inbred, Yet Aren't in Line for the Throne Anywhere. Go Figure.")

Perhaps you've seen bookazines in a bookstore magazine rack or on a website offering digital downloads. Surely, you've encountered them vying for your attention in grocery checkout lines. ("Hmmm..."Shakespeare:

His Chaotic Career' OR three extra Slim Jims. Whether 'tis nobler to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous indigestion or...")

Periodicals such as "Time," "Life," "All About History" and "All About Space" have created a cottage industry for these collectible one-shot special editions. Sometimes quite literally a cottage industry. ("Elvis Has Left the Cottage: Candid Photos of Smaller Venues the King Got Hornswoggled into Playing.")

Some bookazines spotlight iconic perennial celebrities such as John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe or The Beatles. Others rush to capitalize on trendy celebrities of less lasting impact. These are the "notables"

who will someday wind up in the "Where are they now – and by all that's holy, how can we keep them confined there?" section of the newspaper.

I know that snootier bibliophiles look down on bookazine aficionados, but they should be tickled that people are reading at all. Readers shouldn't have to prove themselves by making a lifetime commitment to a single long-winded paragraph that (unlike the Great Wall of China) CAN be seen from outer space.

Reading doesn't have to be drudgery. Curling up with a good book should be enjoyable, not the equivalent of eating your veggies while climbing the gym rope.

I admit it. Life coming at me fast has given me

an abbreviated attention span. So sue me! (Brought to you by the publishers of "All About Ambulance Chasing.") Longer attention spans aren't all they're cracked up to be, anyway. They just give you more time to savor the atomic wedgie you received for being a judgmental bookworm.

There is still much room for growth in the bookazine field, but it's getting harder and harder to find new angles on well-covered topics such as Waterloo, the Titanic or black holes. ("Did Napoleon escape Elba via a rip in the time-space continuum? Nah, probably not. Oookay.... just 95 more pages to fill...")

Right now, I'm accumulating bookazines more

Danny Tyree
Tyrades



than actually reading them; but someday I'll play catch-up and be the life of the party, sharing scintillating tidbits.

Unless someone steals the show by inventing "podillies" – the cross between a podcast and a wet willie.

Stop undressing that co-worker with your ears! The law should throw the bookazine at you!

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Shelby Chapter DAR members

Shelby Chapter DAR awards presented

By ZOE HAGGARD
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Shelby Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have added 13 new members in the past 2 years. Regent is Ardis Rittenberry-Caffey.

At Wednesday's monthly meeting, several members were given awards for their outstanding work both for the club and the community.

Melissa Edwards was given an award by the Volunteer Information Specialist Committee for her work as the chapter's webmaster and for receiving Website of the Month in December 2020.

Chapter treasurer Marie Parsons received the "Terrific Treasurer Award" and was complimented by Ardis for her accuracy and organization with the chapter's funds.

Judge Muriel Robinson received a "Women in American History" award as she was Nashville's first female judge who won by popular vote. Rittenberry cited her as one of the local women who has made a difference in history. Today, most judges in Nashville are female.

An award was also given to Ann Spencer for her outstanding community service. Spencer is active in her church as well as a leader of a children's summer program.

New officers were also appointed during the meeting as Rittenberry is stepping down as regent.

"It is so good for the community to see a group of people who are still patriotic and care about our American heritage. I want to thank you all for everything you do to support this group," she said. "And for our new members, you have something to look forward to as our veteran members have shown through the years."



Ann Spencer receives the "Outstanding Community Service Award." From left, daughter Aurelia Swann, Spencer, sister Ardis Rittenberry-Caffey, and daughter Dulcie Davis.



Judge Muriel Robinson, right, receives her "Women in American History" award.



Melissa Edwards receives the "Webmaster" award for her website of the month in 2020.



Marie Parsons receives the "Terrific Treasurer" award.

Doug

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which General Ulysses S. Grant gave a speech.

But shortly after the ceremony concluded, they say a strong gust of wind blew through the cemetery... and the wind blew almost all the flowers into the Confederate section.

After that the separation was never

repeated; and many people believed that the wind was the Breath of God.

Memorial Day has since been set aside to honor the dead of all American wars; And within a few years the practice of placing flowers on military graves had spread throughout both the North and the South and was being called "Decoration Day."

Then after World War I it became a national holiday dedicated to remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy.

But it seems as if most of the nation has forgotten WHY Memorial Day was established.

To so many it has become just another three-day weekend, a day for travel, the beginning of summer, a time for backyard barbecues, a time to kick back and relax, and for a time to enjoy our freedoms with no thought of who gave their lives to secure those freedoms.

I found the following piece of prose whose writer is unknown to me.

"It is the Veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given

us the freedom to assemble. It is the Veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the Veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. It is the Veteran who salutes the Flag; it is the Veteran who serves under the Flag."

And in my words, it was a Veteran who served under The U.S. Constitution, and who died serving under the Flag, for our Nation and for our freedoms.

In my humble opinion there are certain historical events that we as Christians and as Americans should never, ever forget.

"Please Dear God, bless America, land that we love. Amen."

And my friend, please remember that I am praying for you.

May God's richest blessings be poured out upon you today.

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Mark

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levels playing together. I don't recall a single instance where anyone felt like fighting anyone.

Table tennis was also popular. Quinton Stimpson beat me in the city finals at least three years in a row. I never could figure his game out.

This walk down memory lane does have a purpose. I know that high school sports, especially football, are a year-round effort. Travel teams are available for talented players of all ages. You don't have to tell me times have changed in many ways.

But I can't help but think that simplifying life through physical activities and shunning the television, especially video games, might make a positive difference in a world that seems to be spiraling out of control.

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

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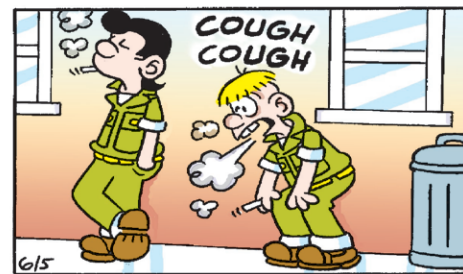
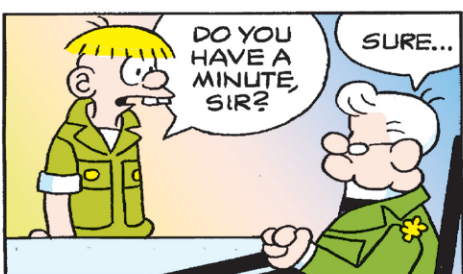
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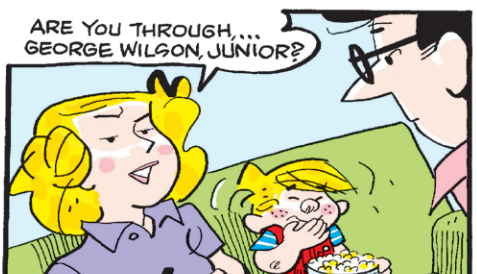
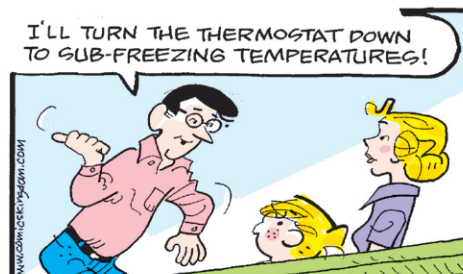
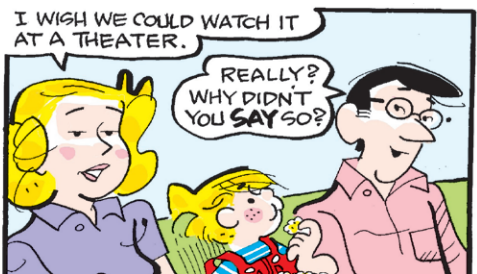
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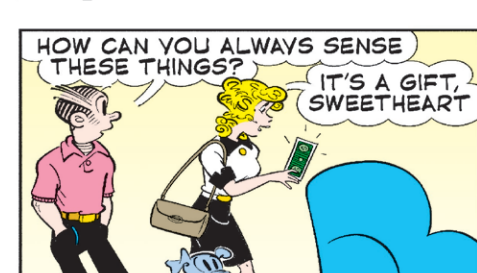
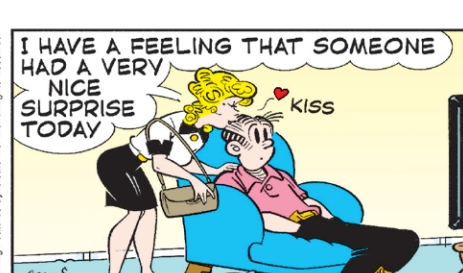
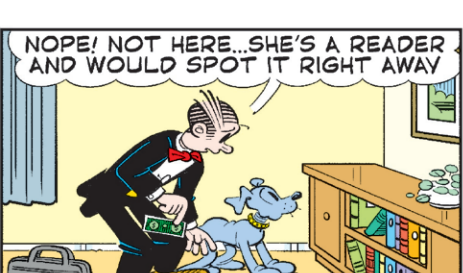
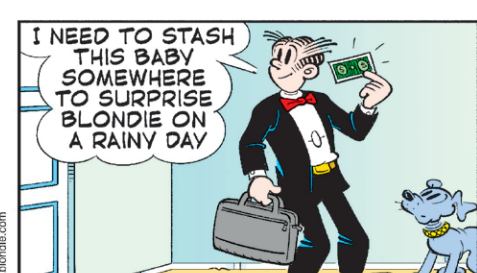
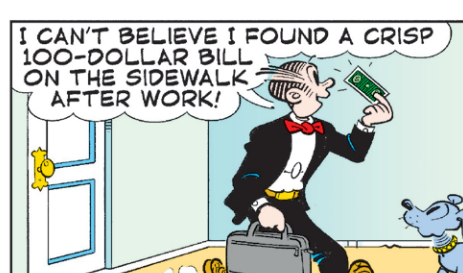
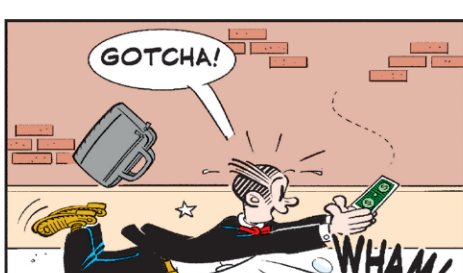
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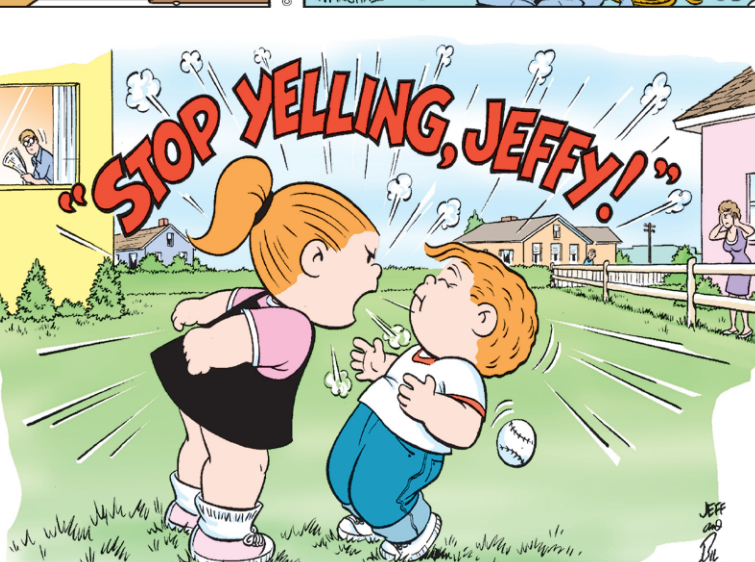
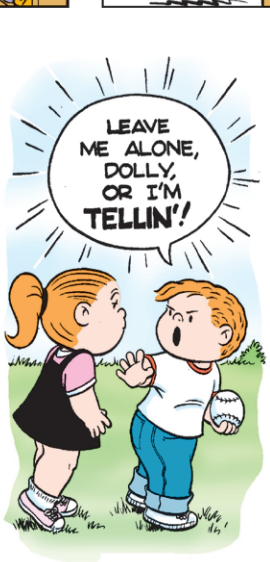
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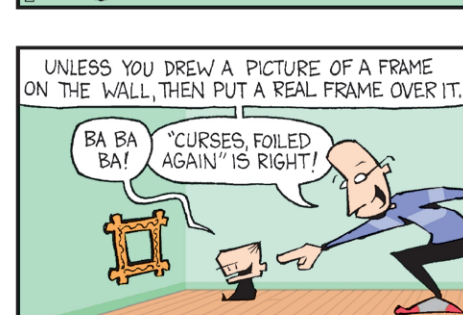
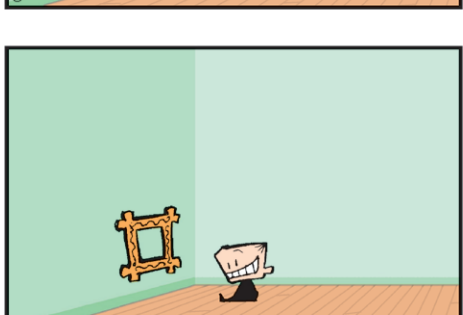
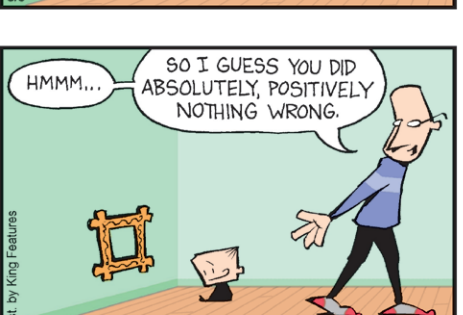
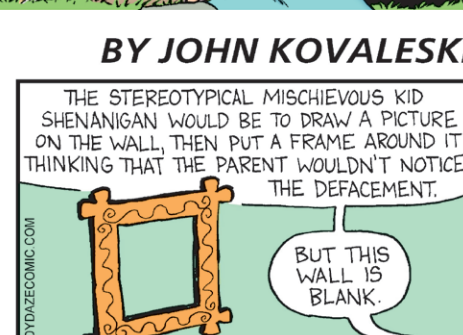
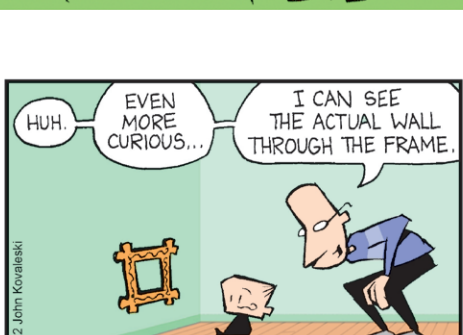
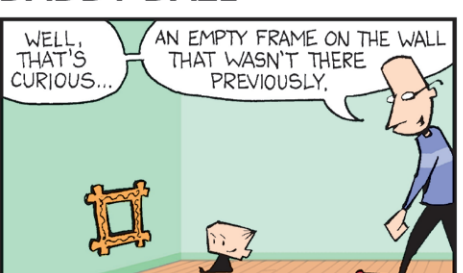
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Baby Blues



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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

CHIRP! CHIRP!

NO, NO, YOU DON'T ACTUALLY SAY "CHIRP." YOU GIVE THE SENSE OF IT, MELODICALLY.

LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN...

DO YOU FEEL THAT, TED?

YOU DIDN'T REALLY WAKE ME UP TO FEEL SOME BREEZE, DID YOU?

NOT JUST ANY BREEZE. THAT FIRST SOFT SUMMER MORNING BREEZE.

BUT I DIDN'T SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT AND... ZZZZZZZ...

TED?

TED?! TED!!!

TED!!!

AND THAT'S WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU WAKE UP SOMEONE TOO EARLY.

YOU REALIZE I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT YOU WERE IMAGINING JUST NOW.

YOU JUST STARED QUIETLY OFF INTO THE DISTANCE FOR A MINUTE AND THEN SAID, "AND THAT'S WHAT COULD HAPPEN."

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

DIANA...?

ODD... I'M ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE UP...

DID SHE SLEEP POORLY BECAUSE OF THAT VIDEO HORROR SHE INSISTED ON SEEING?

I SHOULD HAVE CLOSED THAT FILE BEFORE SHE HAD TIME TO ASK ABOUT IT.

GOOD MORNING, DARLING! READY TO GO?

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 6-5-22

GO WHERE?

OH, I SEE! YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SLIP AWAY WITHOUT ME?

IF I HAD TO GUESS, I'D SAY WE'RE GOING TO THE LAST PLACE YOU SAW ONE OF THOSE CREATURES!

NOW TELL ME I'M RIGHT, AND LET'S GO!

Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

WE OVER-SLEPT!

IT'S 8:30.

THE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!

YOU NEED TO GET DRESSED NOW!

I'LL MAKE THEIR LUNCHES.

I'LL START THE CAR.

Scoops ICE CREAM

IT'S SUNDAY, DAD.

CAN WE STOP FOR ICE CREAM?

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

NOW I SEE WHY THE BEATLES DID THEIRS ON A FLAT ROOF.

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

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"YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH... YOU PUT THEM THERE!"

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom Batiuk

I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S IN THAT PURSE!

I KNOW THEM... THEY'RE IN MY HUSBAND'S CLASS AT SCHOOL! THEY'RE GOOD STUDENTS!

SEE? NOTHING!

BUT THERE'S A SWEATER MISSING FROM THE TABLE!

I MOVED IT TO THE BLOUSE TABLE... IT'S THERE... I JUST GOT SICK OF YOU FOLLOWING US!

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

A witness claims she saw Shady Shrew steal Sonny Skunk's clothes out of the dryer. Shady admits he took the clothes but insists it was an innocent mistake. He claims he forgot which dryer was his. What evidence does Slylock Fox see that suggests Shady Shrew may be lying?

Solution --- The clothes Shady took from the dryer are still wet. Skunk's clothes would have been dry unless he was stealing them.

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Spot six differences between these panels.

SCRAM, YE SCURVY DOG!

SCRAM, YE SCURVY DOG!

Answer - Starfish, straw, earring, belly button, map and button.

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"IF YOU CAN'T SLEEP, TRY COUNTING ALL YOUR STROKES ON THE UDD COURSE TODAY."

"SOME PEOPLE LEAVE FOOTPRINTS... LEROY LEAVES HIS TRACKS."

Elephant Facts

- 1) Elephants are excellent swimmers and use their trunks as a snorkel when in deep water.
- 2) Elephants get muddy and throw dirt on themselves to avoid sunburn.
- 3) Elephants can smell water several miles away.

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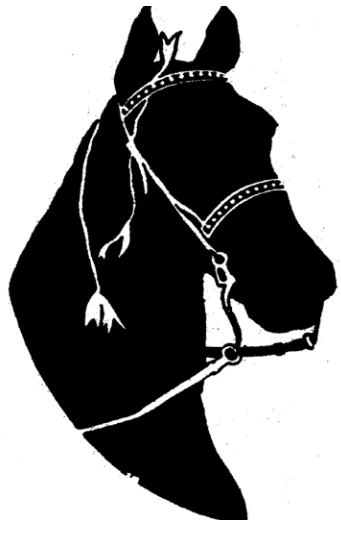
Today's terrific artist is Chase, age 10

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The 2022 Fun Show rocks on

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Traditional Taste & Tell shared



Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Beta Iota Chapter met recently held its meeting and Taste & Tell at the home of Brenda Knight. From left are educational directors, Lucile Sorrells and Janie Burke; president, Brenda Knight; secretary, Shirley McGee; and treasurer, Dena Landers. Not pictured is vice president, Barbara Smith.



White Chocolate Bread Pudding

By DAWN HANKINS
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Even in the summer, we still kind of long for comfort food, especially when it comes to desserts. Below is a great recipe submitted by Brenda Knight—one which she prepared recently for the Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Beta Iota Chapter when it met at

her home.

A Taste & Tell dinner was shared with members. Recipes were provided. (See more recipes later this summer.)

New officers for the 2022-2023 year were installed by outgoing president, Norma Sanborn.

The June meeting will be hosted by Sharon Lowery and Lucile

Sorrells. The program will be provided by Sylvia Pinson, who will speak on “What’s Happening in Bedford County.”

White Chocolate Bread Pudding

- 4 C. French bread, cubed
- 2 C. heavy cream
- 1/2 C. milk

- 1/4 C. sugar
 - 9 oz. white chocolate chips
 - 1 egg
 - 4 egg yolks
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter the baking dish. Heat 1 1/2 C. heavy cream, milk and sugar over low heat. Stir in 5 oz. white chocolate chips until melted. Whisk in 1 egg and 4 yolks a little at

a time. Add bread cubes. Place the buttered baking dish in a larger dish and add hot water around it. Bake 45 minutes until golden brown.

Sauce: Heat the remaining 1/2 C. of cream. Add remaining 4 ounces of white chocolate chips and stir until melted. Serve over pudding.

Dining with Diabetes

A three session Dining with Diabetes class will be offered at the UT/TSU Extension Office (2105 Midland Road) on Tuesdays, June 14, 21 and 28 at 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Due to a grant by Amerigroup, the program is free to participants. If you or someone you care for has diabetes or you just want more information on planning meals and cooking for people with diabetes, this class will cover the general recommendations and techniques for meal planning and preparation for people with diabetes. The sessions include demonstrations and sampling of recipes, information on healthy eating and a cookbook. Must call the Extension Office at 684-5971 to sign up or for questions.

MORNING BEAUTY



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Tiger lilies basking in the early morning light make wonderful bouquets for luncheons or other events.

HEALTH CARE TALK



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Bedford County Retired Teachers met Wednesday, June 1. Connie Crafton gave the devotion. Bill Rich, CEO of Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, (right), was speaker. Rich told the group about the “Team Approach to Excellence in Healthcare” being used at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital. BCRT president, Bill Pietkiewicz, introduced Rich.

ON THE ROAD, AGAIN



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Many people have a passion for traveling. Whether sleeping under the stars at a local campsite or simply slowing down for a tour of antique shops, summer is looking good for tourism. Perhaps no place better illustrates the allure of travel more than Bedford County.



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Experience to drive stingy Titan defense

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — All-Pro safety Kevin Byard made clear at the start of Tennessee's offseason program that the Titans wanted to be the NFL's top defense.

Busy in the final stage of the offseason program, the veteran going into his seventh season isn't thinking big picture.

"I'm not going to necessarily put any great expectations, even though I said we're trying to be the No. 1 defense," Byard said Wednesday. "But as of right now, it's mainly just about learning and trying to make sure we're getting everybody together, learning the schemes."

The Titans earned the AFC's No. 1 seed last season in large part because of how much better the defense played. Eight starters return this season, not counting three others who started at least five games apiece, is a big reason they can be even better across the board.

With so many defenders knowing the defense, coordinator Shane Bowen said it's a fine line of using that familiarity to build on what the Titans were able to do last season.

"Hopefully we can turn the page a little bit quicker on those types of things and get a little bit more involved as we go just based on their familiarity with the system, what we're asking them to do, the culture, the play style, all the stuff that comes into being on this team," Bowen said.



The Titans were much improved on defense in 2021 after a woeful 2020. They ranked second in defending the run, giving up 84.6 yards per game, 12th in total defense (329.8 yards per game), sixth in scoring defense (20.8 points allowed per game) and ninth with 43 sacks.

A team that ranked last by a wide margin in allowing third-down conversions in 2020 ranked sixth in the same category in 2021.

Byard earned the second All-Pro nod of his career in 2021 with five interceptions, while linebacker Harold Landry had a career-high 12 sacks to earn a new contract. Defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons had a career-high 8 1/2 sacks and earned All-Pro votes.

Denico Autry had nine sacks, making the Titans the only NFL team with three players with at least eight sacks. The Titans then tied a postseason record with nine sacks in their divisional playoff loss.

Not bad for a team that used 26 different defensive starters as injuries forced the Titans to use an NFL-high 91 players, most ever in a non-strike season.

Linebacker Bud Dupree also has a year in this defense after working his way back from a torn ACL last season.

The Titans also recently added defensive lineman DeMarcus Walker, the 51st overall pick out of Florida State by Denver in 2017 who's now with his third team. Walker has 12 1/2 career sacks, and being surrounded by so many pass rushers should help him play even better.

"They took a big step," Walker said. "My goal is to help them take another step."

The Titans will have to determine a starter opposite Kristian Fulton. Veteran Jackrabbit Jenkins was a salary cap casualty in March.

Caleb Farley, their first-round pick last year, is practicing with a non-contact jersey. Elijah Molden, a third-round pick last year, started seven games. The Titans drafted Roger McCreary out of Auburn in the second round for more depth and also brought back veteran Greg Mabin, who started two games in 2020.

"When we're all playing well, guys get paid and guys have great stats," Byard said. "So that's definitely going to be the plan this year."

Notes

Dupree was among five defensive starters not at the voluntary organized team activities so far along with Landry, Autry, Simmons and linebacker Zach Cunningham. ... Treyton Burks, the 18th pick overall, deferred to Titans coach Mike Vrabel when asked about using an inhaler during the rookie minicamp. Vrabel said a lot of people use inhalers, including one of his sons. ... The Titans signed WR Juwan Green and waived TE Ryan Izzo. Green spent the past two seasons on the practice squad in Atlanta.



NEW LADY CHAMPIONS LEADER

Cascade has hired Janie Demonbreum as head coach of the Lady Champion basketball team.

T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Demonbreum brings years of experience

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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Cascade High School has recently named Janie Demonbreum head coach of the Lady Champions.

Demonbreum comes to the Lady Champs having been a life-long student of the game and hopes to get back to the basics on the floor.

While it's her first head coaching position at the high school level, she's been part of the game as long as she can remember.

"This is my first head coaching position in high school. I coached the elementary league for Cascade this past year. Prior to that, I was an assistant at the middle school for a year and I did three and a half years at MTCS with Lynn Burkey as an assistant for the high school and middle school," she said.

In addition to a lengthy career as an assistant so far, Demonbreum had a stellar career as a player.

"I played in high school at Shelbyville from 2006 until 2010 and I signed a full-ride scholarship to UA-Huntsville. I played there for a year and a half and then I had four surgeries. So I had to figure out what was most important to me—my body or the game. So I walked away from that and came back to MTSU," she said.

As a player, Demonbreum was credited as being a leader as a point guard and seeing the game through that lens allows her to approach coaching from a different angle.

"One thing I've always received as a compliment is my coaches always called me a floor general. Being a point guard, you kind

of see it a little bit different than everybody else. The development of the game comes to me a little bit differently than others," she said.

Any new coach faces their share of adversity when taking over a program, but for now, the goal is to project her vision of the program to the team and get the team to buy in.

"I have to get them to buy in. There are so many things that they're going to have to buy into. We're going to hang our hat on defense. We're not big and I'm not afraid to say that. That's going to be a challenge, especially when you look at Community—they have height. You look at Forrest and they have height. Everybody else has somebody who is big and we don't have that. That's going to be a major challenge for us. And just getting the girls to want it for themselves," she said.

Having a team not blessed with a lot of height, Demonbreum hopes to create a defensive-minded environment within the team, which in turn could create points in transition.

"Basketball is a game where you have to play off what you're going against. As far as me not having height in my girls, we're going to press and we're going to get up in you. I think you can turn defense into offense real quick. With the girls I have, they can sit down and break you down offensively and get to the rack," she said.

While it's still several months from the opening tip-off of the 2022-2023 season, the Lady

Champs are putting in the work in the summer.

"I feel like it's a total different environment right now. They are really adaptive to learning. You can tell with this group I have. I only have four juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen—we don't have any seniors. They really want it. I don't think you can teach that. They're working hard. It's a different vibe I'm getting from them this year," Demonbreum said.

"This year I'm really focusing on getting back to the fundamentals. We're playing at the Shelbyville camp on the 15-17th. We have some open gyms in July, but other than that, that's all we're going to do this year."

It's been a rough stretch for the Lady Champs, winning just 11 games over the last three seasons.

Cascade's last winning season came in the 2018-2019 season where the Lady Champs posted a stellar 24-6 overall record.

For Demonbreum and the Lady Champs to get back to that level, she had a simple answer as to what success looks like after the first year on the sidelines.

"Basketball taught me a lot about life and about myself. I want these girls to make something here at Cascade High School that they can be proud of. I told them yesterday in practice we have got to make this something to be proud of. This group of girls—this is exactly why I took this job—they can do that. They just have to have someone to believe in them and push them," she said.

SEC weighs expanding conference football schedule

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

DESTIN, Fla. — The Southeastern Conference's slogan, "It just means more," could soon refer to the number of football games the league schedules.

SEC coaches and athletic directors have been meeting this week at a resort on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Atop the agenda is whether the conference schedule should expand from eight to nine games when the league itself grows from 14 to 16 teams with

the additions of Texas and Oklahoma.

Whether a decision comes by the time the spring meetings wrap up Friday was still to be determined — and seeming more unlikely at the end of Wednesday's sessions.

"We've got some questions still to answer," Commissioner Greg Sankey said. "We've got more work to do."

The SEC presidents, who have final say on schedule change, met Thursday with the ADs. Sankey said the executive committee

would be updated on the discussions and the conference was in no rush to make a decision, but would not commit to whether the group would vote.

"Wait till Friday," he said.

Even those in the conference who have generally been supportive of playing more league games acknowledge it's a move that comes with potential complications.

"Eight has worked very well for our conference," Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne said Wednesday. "You've seen

how we've scheduled (for future seasons) and we've added Power Five, Autonomy Five, games to our schedule. Now we did that based off of thinking we were going to continue to play eight games."

The scheduling model choices have been whittled down to two: Nine games with three permanent rivals for each team and six opponents that would rotate over a four-year cycle or a model more similar

SPORTS CALENDAR

Eaglette basketball camp

The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes will hold a basketball camp on Friday, June 3, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The camp is open for girls in second through eighth grade. The focus of the camp will be on fundamentals including shooting, passing, ball-handling, defense and rebounding. Cost is \$50 per camper and includes lunch. Registration will be held at 7:30 on Friday morning. For more information text Coach Kyle Turnham at 615-202-3788.

Basketball camp

Shelbyville Recreation Center and the Shelbyville Golden Eagles are holding a basketball camp July 12-14 for ages 5-14 from 9 a.m.-noon daily. Fee is \$75 per camper. Sign up at the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation's website or Facebook page.

SEC

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to what the SEC uses now — eight games with one annual rivalry and the other seven opponents rotating.

Regardless of the number of games the SEC plays among itself, Sankey said this week the league is heading toward scrapping its divisional format when Oklahoma and Texas jump on board.

The Big 12 schools are currently scheduled to join the SEC in 2025. The Longhorns and Sooners are contractually bound to the Big 12 until then and it could cost tens of millions of dollars to break the deal even a year early.

Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said at the Big 12 meetings in Dallas the SEC has gotten feedback from the newcomers on scheduling discussions.

"The SEC has been very thoughtful about engaging both Oklahoma and Texas in conversations about scheduling models for all sports," Castiglione said.

Even though the SEC might not implement a new format until 2025, a decision needs to come fairly soon so its schools can adjust or get out of game contracts for nonconference games that have been signed years in advance.

Long before the SEC decided to expand there were complaints in the conference about how infrequently some teams from across its East and West divisions play each other.

The most glaring example: Texas A&M joined the SEC in 2012 and still has not hosted Georgia.

Dumping divisions would help fix that — and it seems to be a trend throughout major college football.

The Pac-12 already tossed out its divisional format for the coming season and the Atlantic Coast Conference appears headed to do the same by 2023. The Big 12 and Big Ten are also considering how best to

structure their conferences and determine a champion in future seasons.

The Big 12 is adding four new members as soon as 2023 and could be a 14-team league until Texas and Oklahoma depart. The current 10-team Big 12 has been playing without divisions and matching the top two teams in its final standings in its football championship game for several years.

"You go back now and look at the results and the history and that kind of proved to be the right call," West Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons said. "So we don't want to screw that up as we move forward."

Adding another conference game in the SEC would also help increase the frequency with which teams play, but it come with downside.

With a nine-game schedule, every other year teams would play more road conference games (five) than home games (four). Plus, an extra conference game is a guaranteed additional loss for half the teams each season.

For some schools, adding an extra degree of difficulty to competing in what has been the toughest conference in the country is not ideal. While Alabama and Georgia aspire to play for national championships every year, consistently stringing together winning seasons is the goal for other programs.

"You have each team, each program sees itself differently based on where it's at what it does and where it can be," Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher said.

Fisher also said he would welcome an annual game with former Big 12 and Southwest Conference rival Texas.

Byrne said it would make sense for the SEC to drop its requirement that each school schedules at least one Power Five nonconference opponent per season if the league does go to a nine-game schedule.

SUMMER CAMP



The Shelbyville Central Tennis program recently held a youth camp at H.V. Griffin Park. The camp focused on teaching youngsters the basics of the game.

Fisher: Spat with Saban's done

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

DESTIN, Fla. — The spat between Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher and Alabama's Nick Saban appears to be over -- at least publicly.

A jovial Fisher said repeatedly Wednesday that he was "moving on" from the war of words with his former boss that added some soap-opera drama to the Southeastern Conference's spring meetings this week.

Fisher said he and Saban had "normal conversations" during two days of meetings with the other 12 SEC football coaches. The coaches covered topics such as future scheduling models for the conference, transfer rules and how college sports can get a handle on the way athletes are compensated for use of their names, images and likenesses.

"It's over with. We're done talking about it. We're moving on to the future of what goes on and try to fix the problems that we have in college football," Fisher said. "There's a lot more pressing needs than our arguments."

"We're done. We're moving on. I have no problem," he added.

The next time Saban and Fisher are guaranteed to get together is Oct. 8 when the Crimson Tide hosts the Aggies. Texas A&M upset then-No. 1 Alabama last season in College Station, Texas.

Earlier this week, Saban tried to put to rest the controversy he started. Saban said he never accused Texas A&M of doing anything wrong when talked about the lack of regulation around NIL two weeks ago at a speaking engagement in Birmingham, Alabama. Saban had called out Texas A&M and other schools, essentially accusing the Aggies of buying players.

Fisher responded angrily, saying Saban's comments were despicable and calling the seven-time national championship winning coach a "narcissist." Fisher denied is program did anything wrong while landing the No. 1 recruiting class in the country for 2022.

Both coaches received a public reprimand from the conference office.

The SEC spring meetings — taking place in person for the first time since 2019 because of the pandemic — were the first opportunity for the

two coaches to meet face-to-face since the dustup.

"Things were said. We're moving on to the next thing," Fisher said.

Fisher echoed Saban's comments on NIL and what college football needs to bring some order to this new landscape where players can profit off their fame. NIL rules vary from state to state depending on local laws, and the NCAA seems to have little power to enforce its bylaws.

"We've got to find some kind of uniformity for the betterment of the game," Fisher said.

Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne mostly sidestepped questions about the back-and-forth between two of the highest-paid coaches in the country, which included Fisher urging reporters to "go dig into wherever" Saban has been.

"I think Coach Fisher, he was fired up," Byrne said. "I know we feel very good about our compliance and what we do at Alabama and that's been in the past and it's going to continue into the future."

Fisher was asked multiple times if he regretted laying into Saban two weeks ago.

Assistant coach charged with murder

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho State assistant football coach DaVonte' Neal has been arrested on suspicion of killing a man in Arizona and the school intends to terminate his contract.

Neal has been charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of drive-by-shooting, and one count of discharging a firearm at a structure in the 2017 death of Bryan T. Burns. The indictment contains no details of what circumstances led to the shooting.

Neal was indicted by a grand jury in Maricopa County, which includes the Phoenix metropolitan area, on May 16, and a warrant for his arrest was issued shortly after.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office investigat-

ed the shooting, but spokesperson Kahri Harrion said the agency was unable to release information on the case. The shooting happened in a busy commercial area along Interstate 10 about 8 miles (13 kilometers) south of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Neal, who played college football at the University of Arizona, is being held without bail at the Bannock County Jail in the eastern Idaho city awaiting extradition to Arizona.

He joined the Idaho team as cornerbacks coach in January — with the rest of the Bengals' new coaching staff — and was arrested outside his apartment on May 25 by Pocatello police. He did not resist, The Idaho State Journal reported.

Idaho State University

said it had placed Neal on administrative leave and had initiated proceedings to terminate his contract.

"I have been in constant contact with (ISU head coach Charlie Ragle) who has known DaVonte' for many years and never had any knowledge or suspicion of a possible crime of any kind," Athletic Director Pauline Thiros told the newspaper. "The news of DaVonte' Neal's arrest and charges in Arizona was a great shock. Going forward, we will cooperate in every way possible."

University President Kevin Satterlee said in a written statement that "Idaho State takes all allegations involving our employees very seriously, and we are committed to the safety and well-being of our community."

The university said in a press release Thursday that a background check on Neal before he was hired came back clean.

"All Idaho State employees are required to undergo a criminal background check before employment," ISU said. "Neal's background check was clear and he was approved for work when hired in January."

Neal played under Ragle at Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, Arizona, where Neal became a four-star athlete and went to Notre Dame before transferring to Arizona. Idaho State was the first college coaching position for Neal, who left his job as an assistant at Higley High in Gilbert, Arizona, to join the Bengals.

Idaho State is an FCS football program that plays in the Big Sky Conference.

FitzMagic runs out: journeyman QB retires at 39

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The FitzMagic has run out.

Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick is retiring, he confirmed to The Associated Press in a text message on Friday, ending a career that spanned 17 seasons and nine teams and made him one of the NFL's most colorful and beloved journeyman.

It was a career of perseverance in which Fitzpatrick

never settled for being a backup. Carrying himself with playful determination and a swashbuckling style reflected by his unruly beard, the seventh-round draft pick out of Harvard overcame his physical limitations and modest college roots to become the NFL's first player to throw four touchdown passes in a single game with five different teams.

Chan Gailey, who coached Fitzpatrick at

three separate stops, called Fitzpatrick's leadership ability "the best I've been around."

"He's a fierce competitor. He's extremely smart. So he had answers for players. And players always respect somebody that has answers," Gailey said. "But he never lorded it over them that he was smarter than everybody else. He was humble smart."

Fitzpatrick informed former teammates of his

decision on Thursday, and former Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson was the first to reveal on Twitter that the veteran QB planned to retire. Jackson shared an image from Fitzpatrick with the names of hundreds of teammates, along with the message: "Forever grateful for the magical ride."

Jackson responded by writing: "Congrats on a Helluva career, Fitzy!! Loved sharing the field with you!! The gratitude is

all mine!!"

The 39-year-old Fitzpatrick's last stop was in Washington. Named the starter ahead of last season, he suffered a hip injury in the team's season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Chargers and never returned to the field.

One blemish on his career: Fitzpatrick never made the playoffs. The closest he came was in 2015 with the New York Jets, who were eliminated from

contention when he threw three fourth-quarter interceptions in a season-ending 22-17 loss at Buffalo. The Jets finished that season 10-6, the best record for a team with Fitzpatrick under center.

Gailey was the Jets' offensive coordinator that year and held the same role when Fitzpatrick was in Miami in 2020. He led the Dolphins to a 3-3 start before losing the starting job to rookie Tua Tagovailoa.

Cowboys say former running back Barber dead at 38

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Marion Barber III, the former Dallas Cowboys running back who is fourth in franchise history with 47 rushing touchdowns, has died, the team said Wednesday. He was 38.

Barber played a final season with Chicago in 2011 after spending his first six years with the Cowboys. He had issues with mental health after his career.

Police in the Dallas suburb of Frisco said Wednesday

they made a welfare check at an apartment "believed to be leased" by Barber and were investigating an unattended death there.

The Cowboys, who have their headquarters in Frisco, said they were "heartbroken by the tragic death of Marion Barber III."

"Marion was an old-school, hard-nosed football player who ran with the will to win every down," the team said. "He had a passion for the game and love for his

coaches and teammates."

Barber's father, Marion Barber Jr., played seven seasons with the New York Jets in the 1980s.

The younger Barber was third on Dallas' career list for rushing touchdowns before getting passed in 2021 by two-time NFL rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott. Barber finished with 53 overall and never had fewer than four in any of his seven seasons, even though he never had a 1,000-yard

rushing season.

The former Minnesota player, a fourth-round draft pick by Dallas in 2005, had 24 touchdowns in 2006-07 despite starting just one game those two seasons. Barber's career high was 14 TDs in 2006, when he rushed for just 654 yards.

Barber had a career-high 975 yards rushing and 10 TDs in 2007, when he made his only Pro Bowl. His role and production declined from there, and he had

careers lows in carries, yards and touchdowns in his final year in Dallas in 2010.

Three years after his career ended, Barber was detained and taken to a hospital for a mental health evaluation. Police in Mansfield, another Dallas suburb, said it wasn't clear what led to the calls that prompted their response.

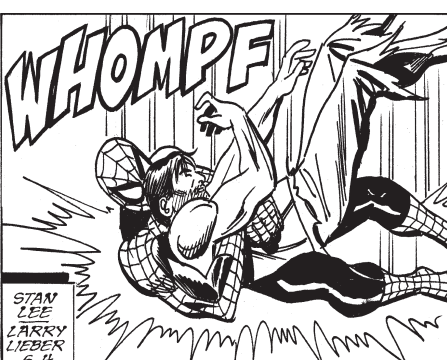
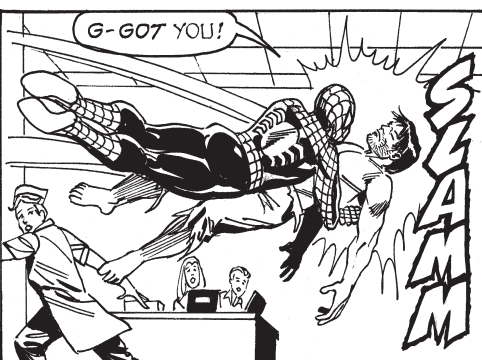
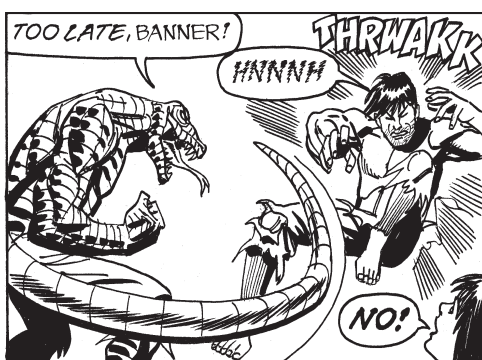
Barber and his father both played for the Golden Gophers, and the younger Barber is second on the

school's career list with 35 rushing touchdowns.

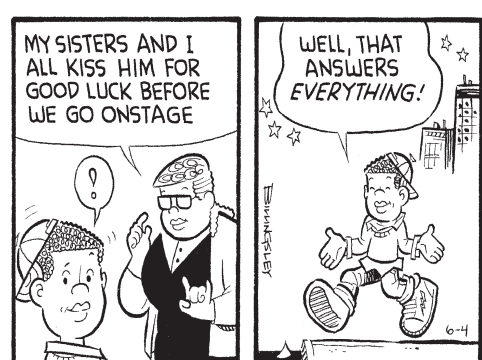
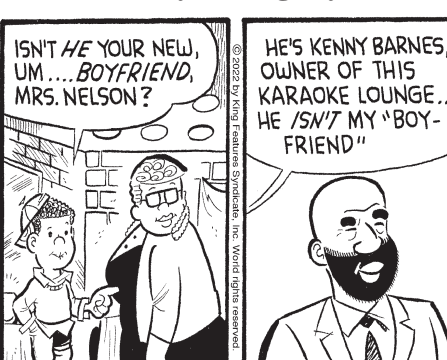
Barber and Laurence Maroney, a first-round pick by New England in 2006, were the first pair of NCAA backs to produce two 1,000-yard seasons in consecutive years on the same team. They did it in 2003-04.

Barber's younger brothers, Dom Barber and Thomas Barber, also played for the Gophers. Dom Barber spent four years as a defensive back with the Houston Texans.

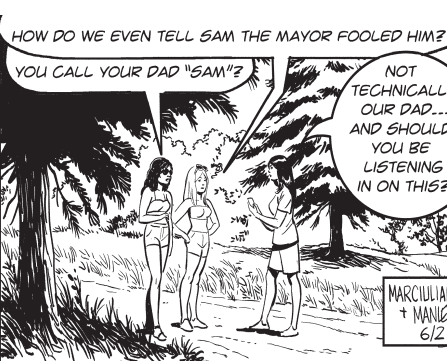
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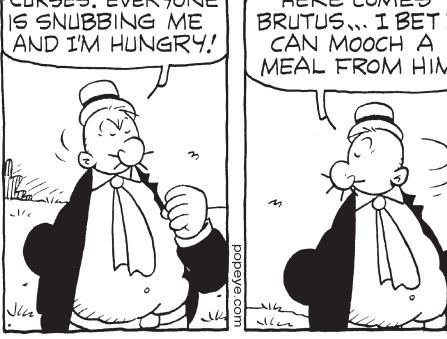
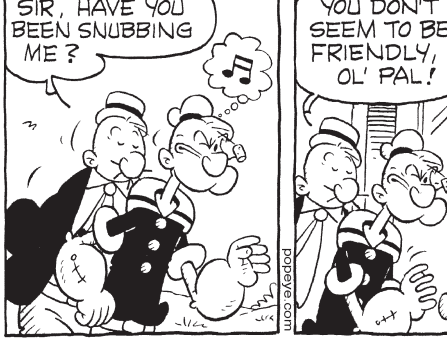
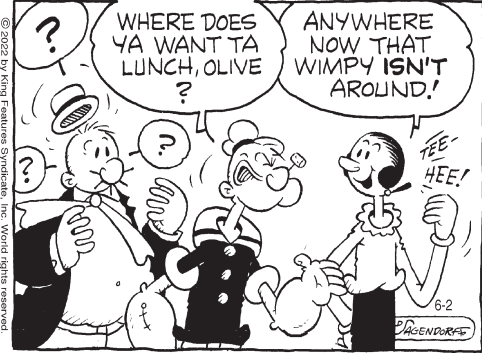
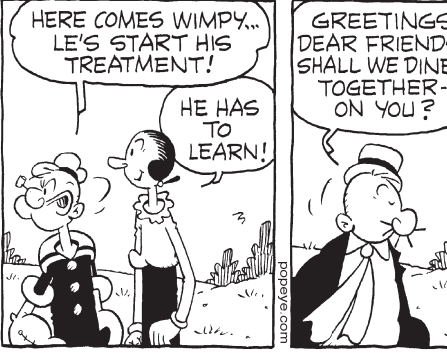
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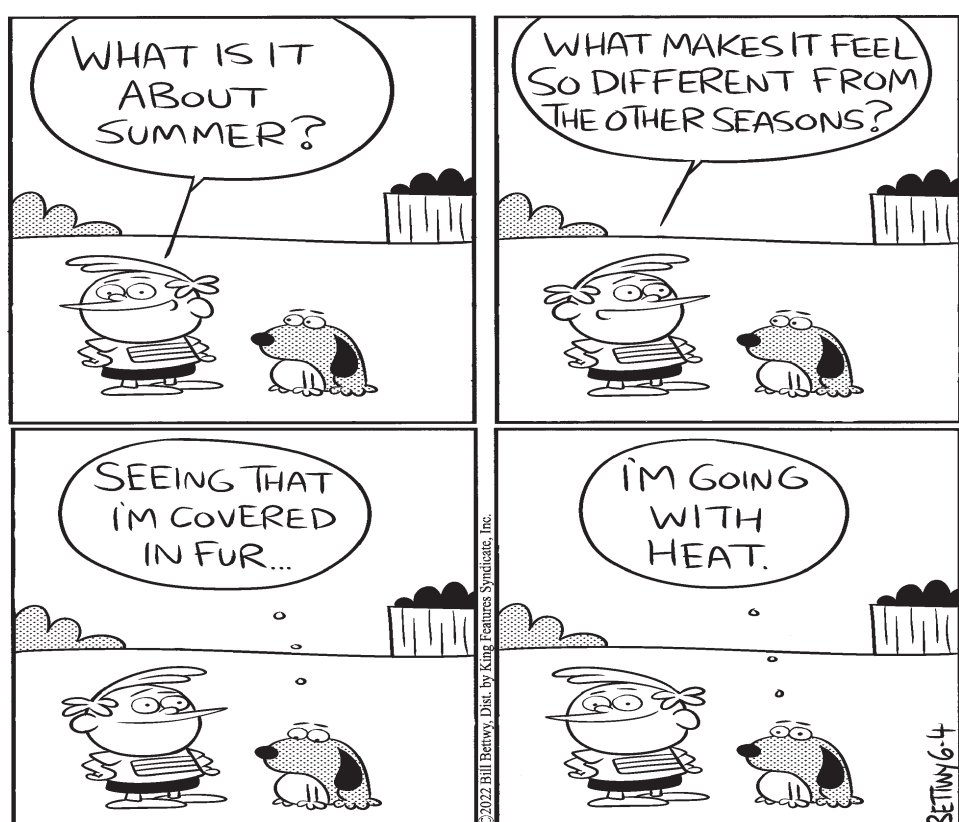


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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to dairy. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = E)
- A. 21 22 6 10
Clue: Liquid dairy
 - B. 7 9 11 18
Clue: Watery part of milk
 - C. 6 25 12 13 24 5 11
Clue: Type of sugar
 - D. 12 15 11 25 21 18
Clue: Thick and smooth consistency

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4	1	9	3	2	5	7	8	6
8	5	7	4	1	6	9	2	3

ANSWER:

Answers: A. milk B. whey C. lactose D. creamy

Historic development of local business district

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The Shelbyville Square serves not only as the center of Bedford County but also as the center of business development in the County's 200-year history.

According to County Archivist Carol Roberts, the "Shelbyville Plan," that is, the layout of the Square, is unique in that it was the first town center where the streets arrive on the corners in a square with the courthouse in the center—not round like Williamson or Wilson counties.

Though the street names have changed over the years, the Shelbyville Square itself is a time capsule for how businesses developed in Shelbyville. Even through fires, civil war skirmishes, and population depletion, "That's what's interesting: it hasn't changed that much," said Roberts.

Its central location, waterways and turnpikes all served to bring thousands of families south and west who were seeking farmland.

According to Roberts, Bedford is just now getting back to the population rate it had around the decades of its settling. She said population stagnation began to occur around the early 1900s and remained through the 1980s.

Most populous county

At one time, Bedford County was the one of the most populous counties in the south-central region. According to an article from Goodspeeds, in 1810, the population of Bedford County was 8,242. By 1830, it had increased to 30,396.

This was a trend in Middle Tennessee during that time, as by 1810, Tennessee had 250,000—a 250 percent increase from the turn of the century. According to the US Census Bureau, the population of the nation in 1810 was 7.2 million.

With those moving, you needed products and services to sustain the population of farmers and laborers.

From the thesis paper "Bedford County, Tennessee: Settlement to Secession (1785 – 1861)" by Robert Paul Cross, it says, "Bedford's first merchant is thought to have been James Deery who

opened a general merchandise store in 1809 near what became the city of Shelbyville. On the second Thursday in July, 1810, the sale of town lots commenced in Shelbyville, and not long thereafter stores began to spring up around the public square."

Among Shelbyville's early businessmen were several artisans who made and sold their own goods Roberts explained. Manufacturing enterprises existed in the county on a small scale in 1810, but the "manufactures" came out of the home, according to Cross.

There were also 11 distilleries at one time, which could produce 4,080 gallons of liquor per year, according to Cross. "Evidently the distilleries furnished the county with a spiritual need which the churches could not fulfill," he wrote.

Bedford's business community became complete in 1818, when a branch of Tennessee's first bank, the Bank of Nashville, was opened in Shelbyville.

"By 1823, Shelbyville was well populated with merchants, many of whom appear to have been selling similar items [food, drink, lodging]. Goods were brought into the county from Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and New Orleans," Cross explains.

Development and migration in Shelbyville are not new.

From a 1925 Nashville Banner article by N.T. Gregory, "Shelbyville has progressed wonderfully in the last thirty or forty years in the structure of its stores, and most notably in the interior furniture and fixtures of those stores..."

According to Gregory, the business district covers practically the same territory it did in the mid 19th century—that is, "the public square, Depot Street, Bridge Street and parts of block contiguous."

He continues, "Miles of concrete sidewalks and paved streets have taken the place of the old limestone streets. Two harness factories that ship most of their manufactured goods have succeeded the old harness and saddle shops that their products only to the home trade."

Beautification of the Shelbyville Square goes back to 1907, with the Ladies' Beautification Club removing old fence from



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the Courthouse.

Griffin's term as mayor

The Shelbyville Square would find itself once again getting a renovation in the 1970s when H.V. Griffin was serving his four terms as Mayor. In his Shelbyville Plan book from 1986, he details 22 different projects accomplished under his term.

Under his "Beautification of the Public Square," Griffin said the committee wanted to put new brick sidewalks all around the square as well as new gas lights and plant trees.

Griffin writes, "We all agreed that the old concrete sidewalks were worn out and needed to be replaced anyway and it would cost a lot of money to tear the old sidewalks up and move them and replace them with red brick."

Sound familiar? This spring, the City of Shelbyville finished up the eight-month long sidewalk project, which repaved the sidewalks with stamped concrete and removed the trees to help the businesses have more visibility.

At that time Griffin was completing the project, he writes that the City was receiving about \$250,000 from the federal government every year for projects like this. Amazingly, in today's money, that's \$1.3 million.

He also highlights his top three goals, which are



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ambulance services, developing a year-round recreational program, and East Side urban development renewal.

Griffin explained that along with the housing authority and city planner Bill Colloredo, it took them over five years to finish the urban renewal project.

"...Some of the buildings were the old National Pencil Company that was about to go out of business, Hubert Lawell Cedar Company and a graphite company all were an eyesore to the area."

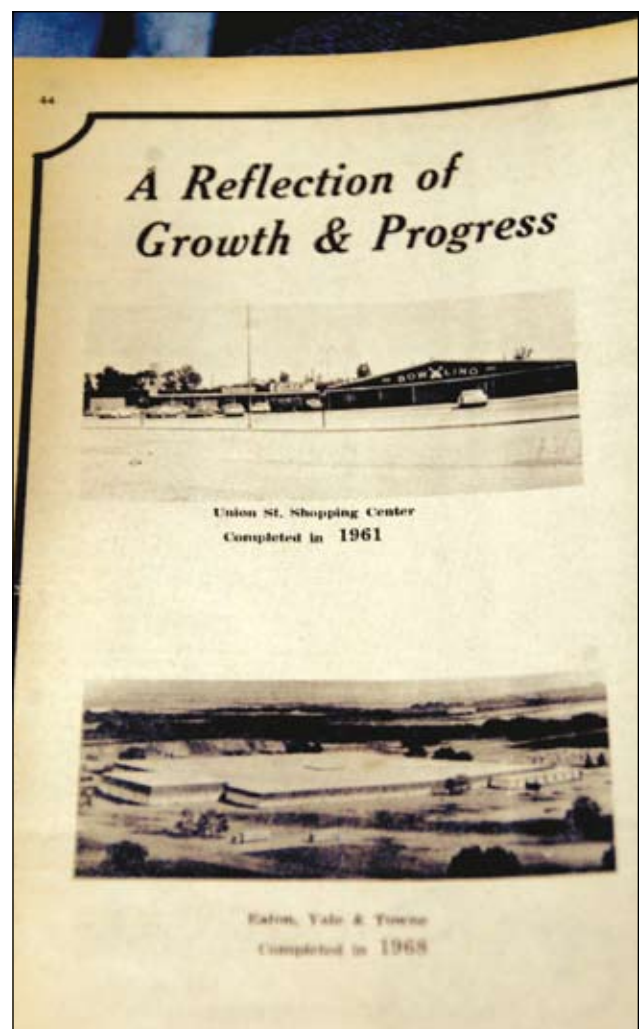
He continues, "There were also a lot of old rock houses, many with no one living in them with doors torn off and windows out."

Griffin said the city was fortunate to clean up this part of town—to have "corrected two parts of Shelbyville where several things needed correcting."

Griffin also touched on the increase in traffic on Madison Street in the late 1970s. "We were already having too many accidents on it," he writes. The road was then widened to become a four-lane.

Griffin ends his report on a positive note.

"I was very glad to be a part of these projects, and



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While many businesses from the 1960s are now gone, their piece of historic development continue into 2022.

I believe everyone in our city and county are proud of them also and feel we

couldn't do without the services they afford everyone."

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