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T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard
BCAC Intake Coordinator Samantha Giffin and Director Josie Lowery are busy daily at the shelter, which is at full capacity.

Bedford County Animal Control is at capacity

Herding cats...lots of them

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Bedford County Animal Control staff and director, Josie Lowery, stay busy with calls, mainly those pertaining to animals running at large.

Lowery refers to TCA 44-8-408. While there are no specific ordinances in the County regarding leash laws, according to Lowery, the animals do have to be maintained within the boundaries of their property.

Most of the calls for “running at large” are for terrier breeds (commonly known as pit bulls,) according to Lowery. Staffordshire Terriers and cattle dogs are the most common types of dogs found in animal shelters.

Animal Control is at capacity as they have taken in 82 animals (most of which were cats for this month.) Generally, they have a 32-dog capacity. For cats, it’s about 50.

Lowery said the area does have a lot of what the industry calls “backyard breeders.” If a breeder doesn’t get the breed outcome they’re looking for, they typically give the shelter a call.

The County does not have a pit bull ordinance, and there are also no laws in the state limiting the number of dogs owned, as long as they have their rabies shot and are taken care of, according to Lowery.

Capacity is an issue. “They are breeding quicker than we can get them out,” Lowery said.

Rescue shelters everywhere are also facing full capacity. “Times are hard right now. Shelters everywhere are feeling it. I’ve been keeping up with other shelters and they’ve had to stop taking in pets,” said Lowery.

One way to help with this capacity problem is reclaiming your pet. Intake coordinator Samantha Giffin advised, “Don’t wait two weeks to come get your animal. Come get it as soon as possible because we have to feed them, water them, clean their kennels every day. That’s money and time we’re having to spend.”

Animal Control is also running a reduced adoption fee period through July where dogs and cats are \$25.

Outside of the period, cat adoptions—which includes all vaccinations, rabies shots, and spaying or neutering—are \$45. Dog adoptions also include all vaccinations and a microchip implant for \$65.

Identification, such as tags and rabies tags, helps tenfold. Microchipping is also highly recommended. Animal Control scans every animal that comes through the door.

“We’ve been able to find, I’d say, 85 percent of animals that are microchipped, back to their owners,” said Lowery. “Every animal we pick up in the field, if it does not have a microchip or some form of identification or rabies tag collar, we assume animals have no vaccinations.”

In the state of Tennessee, anything 6 months or older requires a rabies vaccination (TCA 68-8-103.) They can get it as early as 3 months. If they do not have a rabies vaccination, they are given a 72-hour window to get that shot.

Lowery added that signs of rabies include neurological symptoms, such as turning in circles, disorientation and excess production of saliva.

When Animal Control checks animals in, they identify the animal’s age by their teeth. If they are old enough, the sheltered animals are given rabies, distemper and parvo shots, Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines, tick and flea medicine, and de-wormer.

However, they are hoping to educate and encourage more pet owners to get their animals spayed and neutered.

Lowery added, “There is a huge spay and neuter problem here,” which is the main reason why there are so many animals running at large.” No animal leaves here un-spayed or un-neutered.”

Statistics show that in many ways, it’s healthier for the animal to get spayed or neutered. Male dogs can often get testicular cancer and females can get ovarian, while prolapse uterus or anuses are common.

Having an unspayed dog tied to a leash is not

TALL AND PROUD



Photo by Beth Beasley
Tennessee Walking Horse, Swing Batter Batter Swing, was all ready for the 4th of July. This was the top pick for our 4th July reader submissions. Thanks to all who entered. More photos inside today.

City fireworks light up the night

By DAWN HANKINS
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One Facebook follower likely summed up the City’s fireworks show from Monday night the best; he stated, “Was a great fireworks show!”

Another posted that it was the “best in years.”

Some said it seemed everyone was ready to get out and celebrate together. The last 2 years have been overshadowed with the pandemic.

A Shelbyville police officer remarked it was the largest local July 4 crowd he’d ever seen.

There were a few posting about traffic woes. But when you try to pack thousands into one side of town, it is likely to be slow.

Traffic was for the most part good. Many thanked responders and police.

There was plenty of food and music at H.V. Griffin Park.

Over all, park officials note it was a good day, and night, to be in Shelbyville.

Even one first-time spectator was very complimentary to the show.

See photos in Saturday’s Life and Leisure.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



Photo by Lacey Davis
This little one showed off the red white and blue on the 4th. See more photos in Saturday’s T-G.

HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

Dave-A-Palooza festival

Dave-A-Palooza—a weekend of live Americana, folk and country music—is sure to spotlight new talent, songwriters, locals and award winners.

The festival begins at 6:00 p.m., on Friday at 1295 Knob Creek Road just outside downtown Wartrace.

“It’s great music, great fun, until it’s done,” said organizer Ezra Cataldo.

Songwriter Cataldo notes that Dave-A-Palooza is a free, family-friendly event that started in 2019 with about 125 in attendance. Each year since, (COVID did interrupt) the event has organically



increased in size, attendance and budget.

Cataldo said thanks to generous sponsors, the event remains free to the public. He hopes all attending will be sure and thank those sponsors.

The festival is situated on about 20-acres (belonging to brother, Dave Cataldo) just outside Wartrace. 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.”

(More festival information available on the Dave-A-Palooza, Wartrace, TN Facebook page.)

July 4 photos

See more inside today’s T-G



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OBITUARIES

Eleonore Beatrice Crisci

June 3, 2022

Eleonore Beatrice Crisci passed away on June 3, 2022, after an extended stay at Daystar, a Christian Science nursing facility, in Davie, Florida.

Prior to her residency in Florida, she had been a long-time resident of Shelbyville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jon Brockwell, her mother, Beatrice Mae Brockwell, and her father Domenik Crisci.

She leaves her children, Charlie Moore of Shelbyville, and daughter Pamela Moore (Mrs. Colin) Stubbs of Roopville, Georgia. She has two granddaughters, Jennifer Sanders of Chicago, Illinois and Amy Burns of Georgia and a great-granddaughter, Madison Burns of New York.

Ms. Crisci was a devout Christian Scientist and served for 29 years as a Christian Scientist nurse. She enjoyed amateur theatre and was a volunteer at the Fly for some time.

Her memorial will be a private affair with her children and grandchildren. It was her wish that in lieu of cards or flowers, donations be made to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts.

Alice Norene Barnes West

July 1, 2022

Alice Norene Barnes West, age 84, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Friday, July 1, 2022, at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle with Josh Young officiating.

Norene was born October 21, 1937, in Manchester to the late Thurman and Flossie Gilley Barnes. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 41 years, R.L. West; brothers, Beauman, W.C. and Richard Barnes; and grandson, Troy Taylor, Jr.

She is survived by children, Robert (Penny) West, Jr., Norma (Sam) Wix and Lana (Tiny) Taylor, all of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Robbie (Julie Haskins) West, Zack (Shaina) West, Dillon (Jacie) West, Josh (Leigh Ann) Young, and Tiffany Young; great-grandchildren, Colin, Hudson, Fisher and Brysen, Charleigh and Evie, Maddox and Delaney, DJ, Marybeth, Wyatt and Justin; brothers, George (Evelyn) Barnes of White House, Freddie Barnes of Manchester, and Larry (Angie) Barnes of Manchester; also many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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



Animal Control

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adequate enough for preventing accidental litters. Male dogs in heat can even impregnate a female through a fence or by digging under the fence.

“In the state of Tennessee, if you have a female dog that is un-spayed . . . they have to be within four solid walls where no male can get to them while they’re in their heat cycle,” Lowery explained. “Let’s say she got loose, and males were chasing her . . . it is actually the owner of the female dog who is responsible for all that.”

Lowery has been working at the shelter for about 8 years. “I love to help the animals, but I also love to educate the public,” she said. She said her goal is to get out into the community, speak with them, and teach about the importance of maintaining animal control.

The next spay and neuter day is July 15. Follow BCAC on Facebook page @BedfordCountyAnimalControl for updates on adoption and rabies clinics.

Tips

•Animal control handles emergency calls that include animals jumping a fence, being hit by a car, charging people, or anything acting like it has rabies, according to Lowery. They do not handle wildlife removal.

Animal control officers are trained under NACA (National Animal Cruelty Association) and LETI (Law Enforcement Training Institute) as well as in any USDA training.

•When someone encounters an animal roaming at large, especially one that seems aggressive, Lowery says, “The one thing we tell you is don’t ever turn around and run. When you turn and run, that animal thinks it’s a game. It’s going to chase you.”

Lowery says make yourself as big as possible and get something between you and the aggressive dog, like a door or a tree. Then, of course, call for help.

•Also, “don’t engage animals you don’t know because if they do bite you and you call us, then they have to go on a 10-day quarantine. A lot of times, we don’t know if they’ve had a rabies shot or not,” Lowery explained. This is especially important for dealing with wild animals. If you think you can help a wild animal but get bitten in the process, the only way to test that animal for rabies is to euthanize it. “So really you’re condemning it,” Giffin said.



KEEPING WATCH

This fur buddy keeps watch over the field. He sat watching from a distance for a good while, really tuned in on his subject.

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Drone search resumes on Italian glacier after avalanche

By PAOLO SANTALUCIA and NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

CANAZEI, Italy — Rescuers using drones resumed the search Tuesday for an estimated 13 hikers unaccounted-for following a powerful avalanche in northern Italy that killed at least seven people and is being blamed in large part on rising temperatures that are melting glaciers.

After rain hampered the search Monday, sunny weather on Tuesday allowed helicopters to bring more rescue teams up to the site on the Marmolada glacier, east of Bolzano in the Dolomites mountain range, even as hopes dimmed of finding anyone alive.

A huge chunk of the glacier cleaved off Sunday, sparking an avalanche that sent torrents of ice, rock and debris down the mountainside onto unsuspecting hikers below. At least seven people were killed and an estimated 13 remain unaccounted-for, officials said.

“We have to be clear, finding someone alive with this type of event is a very remote possibility, very remote, because the mechanical action of this type of avalanche has a very big impact on people,” said Alex Barattin of the Alpine Rescue Service.

Nicola Casagli, a geologist and avalanche expert at Florence university, said the impact of the glacier collapse on the hikers was greater

than a mere snow avalanche and would have taken them completely by surprise.

“These types of events, which are ice and debris avalanches, are impulsive, rapid, unpredictable phenomena, reaching very high speeds and involving large masses,” he said. “And there is no chance of getting to safety or perceiving the problem in advance, because by the time you perceive it, you’ve already been hit.”

Associated Press photos, taken during a helicopter survey of the site, showed a gaping hole in the glacier as if carved out of the blue-gray ice by a giant ice cream scooper.

The terrain was still so unstable that rescue crews were staying off to the side and using drones to try to find any survivors or signs of life while helicopters searched overhead, some using equipment to detect cellular pings. Two rescuers remained on site overnight, and were joined by more rescuers Tuesday morning.

“We’re continuing the work of drones to find survivors, working the areas that we couldn’t monitor yesterday,” Matteo Gasperini, of the Alpine Rescue service, told Sky TG24. “We’ll try to complete the work of monitoring the entire site.”

Premier Mario Draghi, who visited the rescue base in Canazei on Monday, acknowledged avalanches are unpredictable but that the tragedy “certainly depends on the deterioration of the climate situation.”

Italy is in the midst of an early

summer heatwave, coupled with the worst drought in northern Italy in 70 years. Experts say there was unusually little snowfall during the winter, exposing the glaciers of the Italian Alps more to the summer heat and melt.

“We are thus in the worst conditions for a detachment of this kind, when there’s so much heat and so much water running at the base,” said Renato Colucci from the Institute of Polar Sciences of the state-run Council for National Research, or CNR. “We aren’t yet able to understand if it was a deep or superficial detachment, but the size of it seems very big, judging from the preliminary images and information received.”

The CNR has estimated that the Marmolada glacier could disappear entirely in the next 25-30 years if current climatic trends continue, given that it lost 30% of its volume and 22% of its area from 2004-2015.

Casagli said what happened on the Marmolada was unusual, but said such destructive avalanches will become more frequent as global temperatures rise.

“The fact that it happened in a scorching summer with abnormal temperatures must be a wake-up call to understand that these phenomena, while rare, are possible,” he told reporters. “If we don’t take decisive measures to counter the effects of climate change, they will become more and more frequent.”

High cost of Russian gains in Ukraine may limit new advance

ASSOCIATED PRESS

After more than four months of ferocious fighting, Russia claimed a key victory: full control over one of the two provinces in Ukraine’s eastern industrial heartland.

But Moscow’s seizure of the last major stronghold of Ukrainian resistance in Luhansk province came at a steep price. The critical question now is whether Russia can muster enough strength for a new offensive to complete its capture of the Donbas and make gains elsewhere in Ukraine.

“Yes, the Russians have seized the Luhansk region, but at what price?” asked Oleh Zhdanov, a military analyst in Ukraine, noting that some Russian units involved in the battle lost up to a half their soldiers.

Even President Vladimir Putin acknowledged Monday that Russian troops involved in action in Luhansk need to “take some rest and beef up their combat capability.”

That raises doubts about whether Moscow’s forces and their separatist allies are ready to quickly thrust deeper into Donetsk, the other province that makes up the Donbas. Observers estimated in recent weeks that Russia controlled about half of Donetsk, and battle lines have changed little since then.

Donetsk Gov. Pavlo

Kyrylenko urged 350,000 people to evacuate the province to save lives and to enable the Ukrainian army to better defend towns from the Russian advance.

“The destiny of the whole country will be decided by the Donetsk region,” he said in Kramatrosk, the province’s administrative center and home to the Ukrainian military’s regional headquarters. “Once there are less people, we will be able to concentrate more on our enemy and perform our main tasks.”

The governor’s call appeared to represent one of the biggest suggested evacuations of the war. According to the U.N. refugee agency, more than 7.1 million Ukrainians are estimated to be displaced within Ukraine, and more than 4.8 million refugees left the country since Russia’s invasion started on Feb. 24

If Russia succeeds in the Donbas, it could free up its forces to grab even more land and dictate the terms of any peace agreement. If Ukraine, on the other hand, manages to pin the Russians down for a protracted period, it could build up the resources for a counteroffensive.

Exhausting the Russians has long been part of the plan for the Ukrainians, who began the conflict

outgunned — but hoped Western weapons could eventually tip the scales in their favor.

They are already effectively using heavy howitzers and advanced rocket systems sent by the U.S. and other Western allies, and more is on the way. But Ukrainian forces have said they remain badly outmatched.

Ukrainian Defense Minister Hanna Malyar said recently that Russian forces were firing 10 times more ammunition than the Ukrainian military.

After a failed attempt at a lightning advance on the capital of Kyiv in the opening weeks of the war, Russian forces withdrew from many parts of northern and central Ukraine and turned their attention to the Donbas, a region of mines and factories where Moscow-backed separatists have been fighting the Ukrainians since 2014.

Since then, Russia has adopted a slow-and-steady approach that allowed it to seize several remaining Ukrainian strongholds in Luhansk over the course of recent weeks.

While Ukrainian officials have acknowledged that their troops have withdrawn from the city of Lysychansk, the last bulwark of their resistance in Luhansk, the presidential office said Tuesday the military was still defending small areas in the province.

Zhdanov, the analyst, predicted that the Russians would likely

rely on their edge in firepower to “apply the same scorched earth tactics and blast entire cities away” in Donetsk. The same day that Russia claimed it had taken Lysychansk, new artillery attacks were reported in Donetsk.

But Russia’s approach is not without drawbacks. Moscow has not given a casualty count since it said some 1,300 troops were killed in the first month of fighting, but Western officials have said that was just a fraction of real losses. Since then, Western observers have noted that the number of Russian troops involved in combat in Ukraine has dwindled, reflecting both heavy attrition and the Kremlin’s failure to fill up the ranks.

The limited manpower has forced Russian commanders to avoid ambitious attempts to encircle large areas in the Donbas, opting for smaller maneuvers and relying on heavy artillery barrages to slowly force the Ukrainians to retreat.

The military has also relied heavily on separatists, who have conducted several rounds of mobilization, and Western officials and analysts have said Moscow has increasingly engaged private military contractors. It has also tried to encourage Russian men who have done their tour of duty to sign up again, though it’s unclear how successful that has been.

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Bedford County Fair contestants

The Fairest of the Fair competition will be held 7 p.m., Saturday, July 9. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and will compete for the state

title in January. Fairest of the Fair organizers note there are 18 young women vying for the title of "Bedford County Fairest of the Fair."



Hadley Griffy is the 20-year-old daughter of LEEANNE REEVES and TIM GRIFFY. She is a graduate of Motlow and will attend ETSU this fall.



Chandler Noel is the 19-year-old daughter of Phillip and Betsy Noel. She attends TCAT and is a student in the nursing program.



Ainsley Noel, 17-year-old daughter of Phillip and Betsy Noel, will attend MTSU in the fall.



Jacie Neeley, 19-year-old daughter of Whitney Yoes and Melvin Neeley, attends Galen College of Nursing in Nashville.



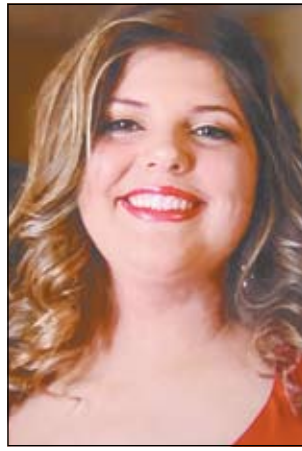
Trinity Dyanne Merrell is the 17-year-old daughter of Amanda Merrell and Marcus Merrell. She attends Moore County High School.



Haleigh Evans, 17-year-old daughter of Brandy Raby and Daniel Evans, will be competing for the crown. She is a homeschooled student.



Allison Blair Byrom is the 16-year-old daughter of Allen and Jennifer Byrom. She attends Moore County High.



Savannah Reese Butler is 17 years old. She is the daughter of Rodney and Mary Ellen Butler. She attends Shelbyville Central.



Zoey Madison Dixon, 17, is the daughter of Jim and Amy Beth White and Tim Dixon. She attends Community High School.



Tori Ann Martin is the 18-year-old daughter of Wendy Martin. She will attend Columbia State in the fall.



Maggie Grace Sanders, 19, is the daughter of Jason and Allison Sanders. She attends Columbia State.



Payton Davis, 20, is the daughter of Robbie Davis and Ladonna Childress. She is a licensed cosmetologist.



Autumn Craig is the 17-year-old daughter of Keisha Bromley and Matt Craig. She is a student at Community High.



Ashlynd Niehaus is the 20-year-old daughter of Todd and Mary Alice Niehaus. She is currently a student at ETSU.



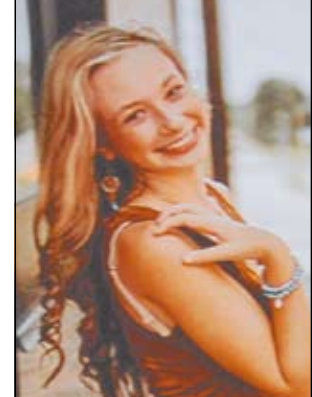
Sara Beth Stacy, 19, attends Columbia State Community College. She is the daughter of Brent and Betty Stacy.



Rylie Anderson is a student at Community High and is the daughter of Sherry Anderson. She is 16 years old.



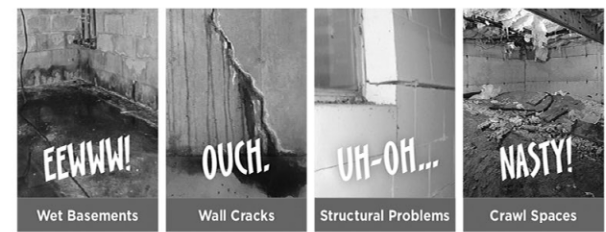
Rylee Porter attends Columbia State. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Shana Morris and Brian Morris.



Kylie Grace Boyette is the 16-year-old daughter of Jason and Shanna Boyette. She is a student at Shelbyville Central.

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W: Julie Smith
Financial Services Representative, Heritage South Community Credit Union

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Rethinking the kitchen

RETHINKING THE KITCHEN

Dear Heloise: I went through my kitchen cabinets and pantry and suddenly realized I had too many things that I don't need or use. It made me ask myself why I kept certain items that were gifted to me but I don't use. That's when I decided to start getting rid of the clutter. I don't need or use an ice cream maker, a personal juicer or a slow cooker. I boxed up all my old pots and pans, which were an assortment of odds and ends, and bought a brand new set. I'm too embarrassed to tell you how many sets of dishes I owned!

I finally had a big garage sale and sold it all. That gave me enough money to buy that new set of cookware. It felt great to get rid of these things, to wash my cabinets and pantry, then repaint everything. I found that when you declutter your home, you have a habit of decluttering your life. -- Lacy R., Marion, Ohio

STRAWBERRY GELATIN CAKE

Dear Heloise: My 14-year-old son has Down syndrome. Since he loves strawberries in any form, I'd like to make your Strawberry Gelatin Cake for his birthday in August. I made it last year, and he absolutely loved it! Now I can't find the pamphlet it came from. Being a Down syndrome child, he has very few friends and a limited list of things he enjoys, but your Strawberry Gelatin Cake was such a big hit that I promised to make it again this year. Would you reprint it again for me? -- Sandra W., Houston

Sandra, I would be happy to reprint this recipe.

Strawberry Gelatin Cake

1 box white cake mix
1 box strawberry gelatin (a little more than 6 ounces)

1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup water
1 box frozen strawberries
4 eggs

Mix the cake mix and the gelatin together well. Add oil, water and eggs and beat until smooth. Add half of the strawberries and juice. (Keep the rest for icing.) Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or so. This makes three round layers.

Icing
1 box powdered sugar
1 stick butter
1/2 box of strawberries, thinly sliced

Mix well and spread on cooled cake.
Do you enjoy easy recipes on these warm summer days? Does your family still love dessert after dinner? If so, you'll love my pamphlet "Heloise's Cake Recipes." To get a copy, just go to www.Heloise.com or send \$3, along with a stamped, self-addressed,

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long envelope to: Heloise/Cakes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. I hope you love these recipes as much as my family and I do. -- Heloise

PET SENSE

Dear Readers: During these long, hot summer days, remember your pets. Take them into the house during the heat of the day. Provide them with lots of clean, fresh water in a clean bowl and food. Some animals like a kiddie swimming pool filled with clean water in a shady spot to cool off. I usually add two trays of ice cubes to my dog's water both in the water dish and the kiddie pool to help them tolerate the heat. Remember, a dog or cat, or any pet, is a family member! -- Heloise

GRADUATION GIFT IDEA

Dear Heloise: I just saw in your column this morning about gift ideas for a high school graduate going to college. My favorite gift is a first aid kit. I fill a small storage container with first aid items. The graduates always say how useful it is and that their dorm mates come to them when they need something. -- Carol E., Rockingham, Virginia

FREEZER BAGS

Dear Heloise: I use a lot of freezer bags, but I also like to recycle them since they are expensive. My problem was that I had no good place to allow them to dry after washing them. Then I had the idea to put the bags in the freezer and let the water droplets freeze. Now I can shake out the frozen drops or simply reuse the icy cold bags. -- G.S. in Tyler, Texas

BAKING SODA SOLUTION

Dear Readers: Pour baking soda under the bowl of your child's potty chair to reduce any lingering smells. A sprinkle a day can keep the odor at bay!

Baking soda also can be used for cleaning, deodorizing and cooking. Learn more uses in my pamphlet "Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes." Get a copy by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (78 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: Carpet in the trunk of your vehicle smelly? Sprinkle a healthy amount baking soda all over the carpet and leave on for several days. Smells should dissipate, then vacuum the carpet. -- Heloise

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at Bedford County Courthouse.

July 2022

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Holidays

4th - Independence Day



will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, in Town Hall.

uted at 1 p.m. following a free lunch.

TODAY

Bag Day

Good Samaritan will hold a Bag Day today from noon-2 p.m. at 201 E. Highland Ave.

JULY 14

Shelbyville Council meeting

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

FRIDAY

Dave-a-Palooza

The Dave-a-Palooza Music Festival will be Friday, July 8, to Sunday, July 10, at 1295 Knob Creek Road near Wartrace.

JULY 16

Mt. Olivet 150th celebration

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church is hosting an ice cream supper and 150th anniversary homecoming celebration at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

SATURDAY

Lawwell/Cook reunion

A reunion of the Lawwell and Cook families will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at Crowell's Chapel Lutheran Church under the pavilion. Attendees are asked to bring old photos and any other history to share.

JULY 18-23

Bedford County Fair

The Bedford County Fair will be Monday, July 18, through Saturday, July 23. See bedfordcountytfair.org or call 931-684-0239.

SUNDAY

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at Wartrace United Methodist Church. A meal will be provided.

JULY 19

Bell Buckle meeting

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet on Tuesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

MONDAY

VFW meeting

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

JULY 20

ABC's of Medicare

A free ABC's of Medicare class will be held Wednesday, July 20, from 9 a.m.-noon at the South Central Tennessee Development District building in Mt. Pleasant. Advance registration is required because class size is limited. Call toll free 1-877-801-0044 or email sctn.ship@sctdd.org. Volunteers are also needed.

JULY 22

Cruise-In

Celebration City Car Club's Cruise-In will be Friday, July 22, from 6-8 p.m. on the Shelbyville square. Food trucks will be present, Chase Clanton and Vintage Vibes will perform and WZNG-The Zinger (100.9 FM/1400 AM) will broadcast live. Cruise-Ins are held each fourth Friday during warm weather months.

SEPT. 24

Police Fun Run

Shelbyville Police Benevolent Association will have its annual "Run Like You Stole Something" Fun Run fundraiser Saturday, September 24, at 8 a.m. at Shelbyville Central High School. Sign up at https://www.reg2run.com/index.php/event_details/327 or contact Kim Nash at Shelbyville Police Department, 931-684-5811. The first 100 sign-ups will receive a bag of goodies.

JULY 25

Wartrace Board meeting

Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, July 25, at Town Hall.

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon and Pickle Street). Doors open at 3:45. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

JULY 29

Backpack giveaway

Free backpacks will be given to school-aged children Friday, July 29, at H.V. Griffin Park by The Center for Family Development and the Johnson Family Foundation. The event begins at 10 a.m. Backpacks will be distrib-

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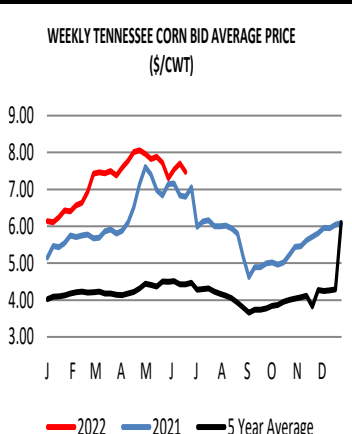
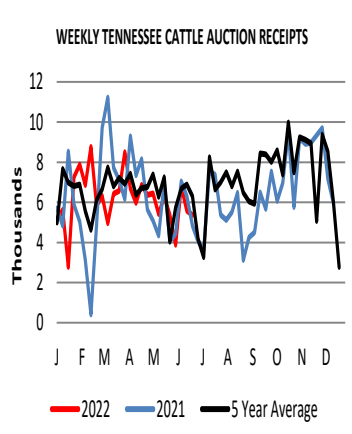
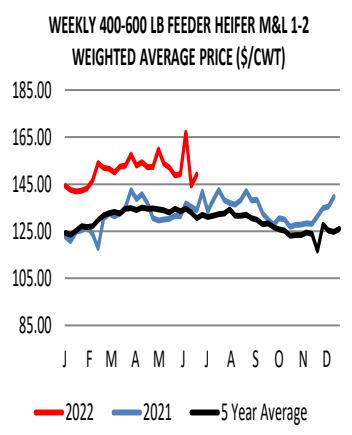
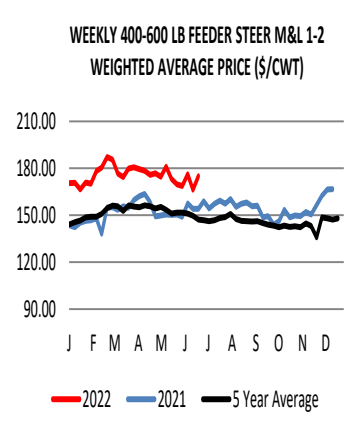
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Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary		USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News	
Nashville, TN		Monday, June 27, 2022	
For Week Ending:		Friday, June 24, 2022	
Receipts: 5,366	Last Week: 5,570	Last Year: 4,838	
<p>Compared to last week, feeder steers under 600 lbs were mostly 3.00-5.00 higher, with instances of 8.00 higher; steers over 600 lbs were mostly steady to 3.00 higher. Feeder heifers were mostly 1.00-3.00 higher with instances of 5.00 higher. Feeder classes were in very good demand, especially for groups of long-weaned, preconditioned cattle.</p> <p>Slaughter cows were 2.00-4.00 higher with good demand, and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with moderate demand. View Full Summary</p>			
STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	191.71	181.23	164.22
350-400 lbs	193.67	185.27	169.80
400-450 lbs	178.75	181.49	162.30
450-500 lbs	178.70	168.32	162.02
500-550 lbs	168.64	160.09	151.98
550-600 lbs	166.06	153.88	144.43
600-650 lbs	155.60	152.58	140.38
650-700 lbs	154.63	150.91	139.13
700-750 lbs	144.99	138.83	133.23
750-800 lbs	141.41	140.22	131.49
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	153.92	158.13	142.38
350-400 lbs	148.92	157.92	141.22
400-450 lbs	153.46	152.16	141.22
450-500 lbs	153.36	149.41	135.21
500-550 lbs	146.94	143.02	132.30
550-600 lbs	143.70	138.21	130.78
600-650 lbs	134.08	133.40	127.39
650-700 lbs	133.15	131.77	125.30
700-750 lbs	130.11	132.15	118.88
750-800 lbs	124.67	121.58	116.79
WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	80.00-103.00	85.00-111.00	67.00-84.00
Boners	71.00-103.00	87.00-116.00	60.00-85.00
Lean	54.00-95.00	76.00-103.00	50.00-70.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1's	103.00-127.00	114.00-135.00	79.00-107.00
June 13, 2022 Columbia, TN			
GOATS: 856			
KIDS-Selection 1 40-48 lbs 310.00-355.00; 51-53 lbs 350.00-360.00; 66 lbs 370.00; 70-71 lbs 377.50-382.50; 85 lbs 335.00. Selection 2 48 lbs 330.00; 50-51 lbs 330.00-345.00; 65-66 lbs 350.00-360.00; 85 lbs 295.00.			
LAMBS: 646			
Woolled & Shorn-Choice and Prime 2-3 73-78 lbs 235.00-245.00; 88 lbs 230.00; 90 lbs 240.00; 105 lbs 240.00. Hair Breeds Choice and Prime 1-2 73 lbs 227.50. Choice and Prime 2-3 49 lbs 248.00; 50-53 View Full Report			
View Full Grain Report			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	6.92-7.73	7.43-7.93	6.47-7.10
Soybeans	15.88-16.96	16.59-17.25	13.20-14.75
New Crop Wheat	8.24-9.27	9.29-10.33	6.02-6.80



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AG NOTES

BY JOHN TEAGUE
UT/TSU Extension

FARMERS MARKET

We are going to open this week, Thursday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m. The market pavilion is next to the big blue water tower at the Celebration Grounds across from Calsonic Arena.

We don't know what to expect in terms of vendors and volume of vegetables and other products, but we will open anyway. This has been a very difficult season for growers and some have replanted the third time. But we'll be there.

HEAT AND PLANTS

Dr. Annette Wszelaki, one of our good vegetable specialists with UT Extension, shared this last week. She had been getting asked questions about tomatoes, and I had these same questions over the past month. Here is what she shared.

The main question was "We're noticing that we're losing tomato blooms. What could be causing this?"

There are several factors that can contribute to this problem. With the unusually hot weather we have had, this would be the most likely culprit. Tomatoes like hot weather, but not too hot. If it's too hot (or too cold), tomatoes will not set fruit. When the daytime temperatures climb above 95° F, many tomatoes will have difficulty or fail to set fruit. Even more critical is the nighttime temperature. Tomatoes prefer nighttime temperatures between 59-68° F. When nighttime temperatures remain above 70° F, many varieties fail to set fruit.

In Tennessee, it's not uncommon to have high temperatures during fruit set, so what can you do? There are varieties that have been bred for heat tolerance for both commercial producers and home gardeners. Solar Fire is a heat tolerant variety bred at the University of Florida. While it has heat tolerance, it is also a bit soft, so

it would work better as a local market tomato rather than a shipper. Heatwave II is an older heat tolerant variety. Florida 91 was shown to perform well in the heat in high tunnels. Bella Rosa, Phoenix, and Tribute are other heat tolerant varieties.

A couple of other environmental factors can inhibit fruit set: too much water or not enough water. If there is excessive rain during flowering, pollen grains can clump together, and this prevents proper pollination. Low humidity (rare in Tennessee) and drought can also contribute to poor fruit set. Make sure to keep your tomatoes adequately watered.

Another common cause of blossom-drop or failure to set fruit is excess nitrogen. When you have nice, dark green vigorous plants with little or no fruit, over-fertilizing could be the cause. These overly healthy plants are putting all of their energy into the vine. Every plant needs nutrients to grow, but don't overdo it.

Lastly, light level can influence tomato fruit set. For urban growers that live in the city, continuous light can be a problem. When planning where to put your tomatoes, avoid sites that are under lights that remain on all night, such as security lights or street lights. While tomatoes do not like constant light, they do like full sunlight during the day. They will tolerate some shade, but too much will also cause poor fruit set.

The good news is that now that night temperatures are back down in that 59-68° F range and under 95° during the day, tomato fruit production will pick back up.

(I knew that heat was a bad problem with corn pollination, but this was the first time I had learned of tomatoes having the same issues. Never too old to learn something!)

BEDFORD COUNTY FAIR

The fair is the week of July 18-23. We will be taking in entries on Sunday, July 17, from 1-5 p.m. We have fair books with all of the information for entries and events. Come by the office at 2105 Midland Road and pick one up.

We have been asked to bring hay samples from our fair to the Tennessee State Fair in August that is being held in conjunction with the Wilson County Fair in Lebanon. I know that hay is short, but there are several categories for competition. I am going to be taking these hay exhibits up so all you have to do is to enter the Bedford County Fair hay exhibits. Please contact me about the details. We must have a flake of hay in a mesh bag, and I have those. Let's do this!

There is one big change in the schedule for the fair this year. We will have the dairy show on Monday like before. We will have the beef show for all breeds on Tuesday. In the past we have had the Angus and Red Angus on Thursday, but this year all of the breeds will be on Tuesday. Sheep will continue on Friday, and the regional 4-H/FFA goat show will be on Saturday. Be sure to help spread the word on the new beef show schedule.

One other reminder is that the 4-H Chick Chain pullets will be sold on Monday the 18th. The auction sale will be at 6 pm. These pullets are always popular, and many will be laying by time for the sale. This benefits the 4-H club and the members who raise them. Contact me or Sean Giffin at 931-684-5971 for the details. These birds will sell in groups of two or three, so make plans to come to the sale.

Season-long duck blind application period open

The application period for the 2022-23 season-long (Tier 1) duck blinds is open now and will close July 20 at 11:59 p.m. with results announced at in-person events on August 6 and sent via email.

Changes have been made to public land duck hunting this year to increase opportunities for all duck hunters. Check out the website for complete information.

- Only those who hold a resident license may apply.
- You must have a current, valid license to hunt waterfowl in order to apply.
- There is no application fee, only a license requirement.
- Your party must be between 4-8 licensed hunters who are at least 16 years old. Each member's name will be included in the lottery so that parties of 8 will have 8 chances. At the time of the drawing, applicants with less than 4 party members will be disqualified.
- Hunters can apply for up to 48 options at one wildlife management area (WMA).
- All applications must be submitted through [www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](#) or any TWRA license agent.
- No mail-in applications are accepted. All notifications will arrive only by email.
- The next available application period will be Sept. 28-Oct. 18 for Tier 2 early segment duck quota hunts.

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BEDFORD COUNTY YESTERYEARS

JULY 1890

NORMANDY – R. M. Riggins and E. W. Brandon went to Manchester Saturday to inspect some land. They intend buying if they find any that suits them.

REAL ESTATE – S. E. Tillman and wife to D. B. Stewart, 100 acres in 7th District. Mary C. Tillman to D. B. Stewart, 200 acres in 7th District.

SHELBYVILLE – Mrs. Mollie Moore and children are visiting Mr. Sam McGee and family near Cortner's Station.

STEELE'S CAMP GROUND – W. A. Landers and wife passed through the village last Saturday, on the way to celebrate his father-in-law's 83rd birthday.

FIFTH DISTRICT – W. A. Jordan had four head of horses hit by lightning on last Friday morning. Eleven head of stock were standing under one tree. A shock of wheat standing in Mr. Epps' field nearby was struck.

GREEN HILL – Mr. George Williams, who has been ordained as a preacher by the Missionary Baptists, expects to attend school at Fall Creek Academy.

WARTRACE – Miss Lizzie Cleveland returned home Sunday after visiting friends and relatives in the south. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Hattie, who graduated at Shorter a few weeks ago.

JULY 1952

REAL ESTATE – Mary Frances Gosnell and husband and others to Peggy Ann Roberts and husband, property in 24th District.

NEW HERMON – Mrs. Glen Brown of Shelbyville spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Monette.

WHEEL – The farm of Jack Montgomery near Wheel community received first place in the green pastures contest which was judged here Tuesday. Second winner was Virgil Hastings of Harts Chapel. Sam Stanfield, Agent.

AT THE PRINCESS – Now showing, "Ma and Pa Kettle at the Fair" with Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride.

SOLD – Caleb M.

Melissa Edwards

Historian



Thompson Monday confirmed the report that he has sold an interest in his funeral business to J. O. Cochran of Gallatin, an experienced funeral director. Cochran has rented the house of George "Shorty" Townes in Shelby Pines here. Mr. Cochran plans to move here about August 1 with his wife and 5-year-old daughter.

SINGLETON – Donald Shelton spent last week in Fayetteville with his grandmother, Mrs. John Shelton.

SHELBYVILLE – Wrestling on Friday, July 4th at the Sports Arena – next to Rich's Roller Rink on Cannon Boulevard, across the river.

JULY 1977

AT THE CAPRI – "Outlaw Blues" with Peter Fonda.

SHELBYVILLE – Clarence Sudberry, Sandusky Street, picked a corn stalk which had tasseled and then grown another cob on top of the stalk. Sudberry said that it was Hickory Cane Corn that he had helped grow in a friend's garden.

BUTLER'S CREEK – Stephen and Stephanie Young of Mobile, Alabama, are guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young, on Wartrace Road.

LIGHTING THE SQUARE – Lanterns lit the east side of the Public Square. Such fixtures will provide lighting all around the square when the downtown renovation project is completed.

REAL ESTATE – James Harlan King to Lytle Landers. Albert Moulder to William A. Kingree.

BUTLER'S CREEK – Dewey Arnold opened the Horse Show in Lewisburg riding White Lightning, bearing the flag.

FOR SALE – The Gunter Building, Parking lot 90 feet by 125 feet.



Daniel Craig recently submitted this awesome photo of Old Glory. May she always wave.

Saluting the red, white and blue: Healthy summer diets

Camping and picnic season is certainly in full swing. However, there's no need to forgo the red, white and blue.

Keeping with patriotism this week, we've included some healthy tips about blueberries and tomatoes.

Below is a great summer recipe in which to use up those delicious cucumbers. This recipe has a twist as peanuts get top billing.

Small, yet bursting with big flavor, blueberries are a favorite of so many people. While blueberries may be coveted for their appeal in recipes that run the gamut from breakfast foods to desserts, the nutrients within them provide many benefits as well. After all, blueberries are not called "superfoods" for nothing.

Here's a deeper look at some of the health benefits of blueberries.

1. Blueberries are a low-calorie food. Healthline notes that blueberries contain only 84 calories per cup. Plus they are 85 percent water. Blueberries can be a filling snack that doesn't compromise low-calorie diets.

2. Blueberries may improve exercise recovery rates. Research published in the Iranian Journal of Public Health in 2018 has shown that eating blueberries can increase muscle strength recovery. That means that blueberries may help thwart a condition called exercise-induced muscle damage, which results in soreness, reduced muscle strength and impaired athletic performance.

3. Blueberries help fight urinary tract infections. Cranberries are often touted as the go-to for treating and preventing UTIs. According to a 1998 study published in The New England Journal of Medicine, specific compounds found in blueberries known as proanthocyanidins can prevent bacteria from sticking to the walls of the urinary tract. Furthermore, the high amounts of vitamin C in blueberries also can inhibit the growth of bacteria that cause UTIs.

The health scoop on red is tomatoes still provide plenty of healthy vitamins. And now is the time to find juicy, fresh produce at farmers market.

Modern diets designed with nutrition in mind are much more flavorful than the healthy diets of yesteryear. Healthy foods have long suffered from an ill-gotten reputation that they're devoid of flavor, but one need only look at tomatoes to see how nutrition and flavor are not incompatible.

Tomatoes are often discussed in regard to their status as a fruit or vegetable. According to the European Food Information Council, tomatoes are technically both. The EUFIC notes that botanists classify tomatoes as fruit, while nutritionists adhere to a different classification system that defines tomatoes as vegetables.

Regardless of how they're classified, tomatoes are undeniably healthy. If the taste of tomatoes isn't



enough to convince people to eat more of them, perhaps these characteristics could be enough to compel more individuals to reach for this delicious fruit ... or vegetable.

• Tomatoes are rich in the antioxidant lycopene. Harvard Medical School notes that tomatoes are rich in the antioxidant lycopene. Lycopene is a carotenoid that gives tomatoes their deep red color, but lycopene is about more than just aesthetics. Researchers in Finland reported in a study published in the journal Neurology that men with the greatest amounts of lycopene in their blood had a 55 percent lower risk of having any kind of stroke.

• Tomatoes can help lower cancer risk. Another reason to include more tomatoes in your diet concerns their connection to cancer. A study funded by the World Cancer Research Fund International found that men who consumed canned and cooked tomatoes five to six times a week had a 28 percent decreased risk of prostate cancer compared to men who never consumed tomatoes. That's a significant benefit, as the WCRFI notes that prostate cancer is the second most common cancer worldwide. The study's author noted that cooked tomatoes were particularly valuable, as cooking increases the bioavailability of lycopene.

Summer cucumbers

Cucumbers make for a simple, flavorful salad—one you can whip up in a snap.

When preparing meals at home, cooks know that it helps to have a few simple, easily prepared dishes in their culinary repertoire. These are dishes that don't require too much planning and utilize certain staples that are present in everyone's pantry. Such is the case with this recipe for "Crunchy Cucumber Salad with Crushed Peanuts" from

Ruta Kahate's "5 Spices, 50 Dishes" (Chronicle Books). Most of the ingredients for this flavorful salad are likely already in your kitchen, and it won't be long after you begin preparing the recipe that you'll be sitting down and enjoying a meal with family and friends. (METRO)

Crunchy Cucumber Salad with Crushed Peanuts

Serves 4
2 English or other unwaxed cucumbers, chopped into 1/4-inch dice (about 3 cups)
1 medium green serrano chile, minced (seed first if you prefer)
1/2 C. peanuts, preferably raw, but toasted, unsalted ones will do
2 Tbsp. lemon juice, or more if needed

1 tsp. salt
1/2 to 3/4 tsp. sugar
1/8 tsp. cayenne
1 Tbsp. canola oil
1/4 tsp. mustard seeds

Place the diced cucumbers in a medium bowl along with the chile. Using a coffee grinder or food processor, pulse the peanuts until they are reduced to a coarse powder. (You don't want big chunks of peanuts, nor do you want a fine powder; stop grinding somewhere in between!) Add the peanuts to the cucumbers along with the lemon juice, salt and sugar, and mix well. Taste and adjust the salt, sugar and lemon juice as needed. The salad should be slightly tart.

Make the tadka: Place the cayenne in a little pile on top of the salad. Do not stir it in yet. Heat the oil in a small skillet or butter warmer over high heat. When it begins to smoke, add the mustard seeds, covering the pan with a lid or spatter screen. As soon as the seeds stop spluttering, pour the oil over the cayenne. Stir the dressing in and serve at room temperature or cold.



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July 4 reader submissions



Chase Hatchett's cute pal shows July 4 spirit.



Little 10-month-old Winry Gieske enjoyed her first 4th of July. Photo by Carlee Gieske.



Family Olympics are special. But these two won the prize. Photo submitted by Meghan Brown.



Lacey Davis' photo is certainly a keeper.



Lorrie Hayes Gunn's submission was in sweet, patriotic style.



Jennifer Nicole Clark submitted this 4th fireworks photo.



Lorrie Hayes Gunn submitted this patriotic photo.



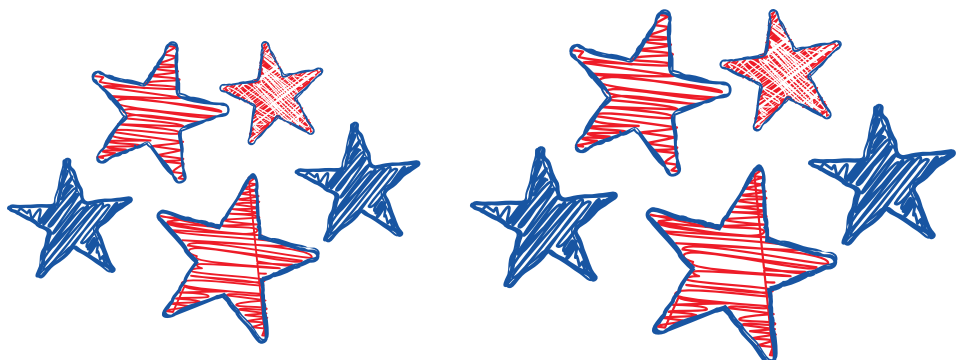
This lakeside photo was submitted by Alexis Thomas.



This pooch was having some dog-gone fun over the weekend. Photo by Jenna Anderson.



Susan Stockstill Hatmaker submitted this stunning photo by Jennifer Marty Barr.



Theresa Gilliam Utz and friends enjoy their Independence Day.

Chris Siers

The Extra Point



Colleges making moves

About 10 years ago, when the last major round of conference realignments came around, I suspected there would be a major shift in the landscape of college sports.

Boy, did I hit the nail on the head with that one.

Last week, it was announced that USC and UCLA and informed the Pac-12 they were leaving to become members of the BigTen conference.

Geographically, this makes little sense.

In fact, a lot of the realignments make no sense from a geographic perspective, but as we all know, money rules everything in sports these days.

With the Pac-12 facing an imminent collapse, the question now shifts to what happens to the remaining teams and do the other conferences stand pat?

I've not been a fan of the College Football Playoff. I've felt like the system has been subjugated by too much money and influence from ESPN.

It's really less of a playoff and more of a four-team invitational.

And those big brands will always be getting favored over smaller brands in the landscape of college sports.

So facing these issues, I've got an easy solution that fixes the geographic landscape issue, as well as creates a true playoff atmosphere in college football.

Now let me be up front, I know this will never happen. There's too much money tied up in branding with the conferences and media deals.

The conferences all need to be rebranded into four different divisions: NCAA North, South, East and West.

Within each of those divisions, you'll have two smaller regions made up of all the Power 5 conference teams.

Each team would play a full, eight-game schedule, with the ability to schedule four non-conference opponents.

When it comes time to the playoffs, your winner from each smaller division will play for the conference title.

In this model, each team that plays for a conference title would be automatically entered into an eight-team playoff.

This not only gives each conference game true meaning, but it eliminates the "eye test" and there will never be an issue like what happened a few years ago when Alabama was able to make the playoffs without playing for a conference title.

Now like I said, I'm aware this will never happen.

There's too much money tied up in college football and the big brands of the sport have to have their risk minimized, which is why you never see teams making a Cinderella run like you see in the NCAA men's basketball tournament every March.



The upcoming season marks Year 3 with coach Chris Lawson at the helm for the Champs.

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Champions surging through summer

Weight work, finding scorers are top priorities

By **WILL CARTER**
Sports Writer

One of the most important times of high school athletics is the offseason because it gives time for reflection of the highs and lows experienced months prior, roster turnover, and areas that need improvement.

Some programs take some extended time off to give players rest and coaches time to recuperate and make a plan for the few months of work to come.

Others take minimal time off and jump right back into the swing of things.

The Cascade Champions boys basketball program got right back to work with an emphasis on getting stronger in the weight room shortly after suffering a 72-59 loss in their Region 4-AA semifinal against Pearl Cohn in early March.

"We got back in the weight room not too long after that and started lifting two to three days a week," Champions head coach Chris Lawson said. "We just needed to get back in there to build some muscle. When we got beat by Pearl Cohn, they were stronger than we were. So, we just wanted to and still want to grow and develop in the weight room."

The Champions' strength work transitioned almost immediately into spring practice before what many refer to as "the dog days of summer,"



Lucas Clanton will be a key component to the Cascade roster during his senior season this year.

started up.

Summer is an exciting time for high schoolers that get a break from their usual academic responsibilities, but for those that participate in athletics, especially basketball, there

isn't much time to rest with practices and camp games virtually every week.

Cascade was very familiar with that this summer, having traveled to various locations across

the state to compete and improve their squad.

Playing teams that ranged in classification and prowess such as Jackson South Side and Centennial, the Champions gained their

fair share of experience even without some of their key players on the floor.

"My message to the guys during those times was that there were times where we didn't have everybody, and we had to make adjustments and roll with the punches," Lawson said. "Obviously summer ball isn't about winning and losing. You want to win every game you play, but more than anything we had opportunities to get some younger guys valuable time and experience. We saw growth by the end of the summer with those guys, and I felt really good on our last day of playing."

While losing in the region semis might have been devastating, the biggest loss for the Champions at the end of the season was senior post presence Justis Carter.

Carter led the team in points and rebounds throughout last season, and was a key component of their success for the last two seasons.

Filling his vacancy on both ends of the floor would be difficult for any team, but Lawson is confident in his players who have stepped up throughout the summer to do the job.

"From a rebounding standpoint, Saebyn Burris and Isaac McElroy did a really good job for us this summer," Lawson said. "My message to them was that they are our biggest guys with the most experience. So, it's either going to be them, or other teams

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Chomp, chomp, champ! Hot dog king does it again

By **JENNIFER PELTZ**
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Frankfurter-munching phenom Joey “Jaws” Chestnut put a protester in a chokehold while gobbling his way to a 15th win Monday at the Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest, powering down 63 hot dogs and buns at the annual exhibition of excess.

In a decisive chowdown comeback, women’s record-holder Miki Sudo downed 40 wieners and buns to win the women’s title after skipping last year’s frank fest because

she was pregnant.

A spectator wearing a Darth Vader mask rushed the stage, momentarily disrupting the competition. Chestnut put the protester in a brief chokehold before contest officials hurried over and escorted the intruder away.

Another protester in a white stormtrooper mask had also snuck behind the competitors and hoisted a sign saying, “Expose Smithfield’s Deathstar.” Smithfield manufactures Nathan’s famous hotdogs.

After the altercation, Chestnut went back to the task at hand: Devouring more hot dogs.

Monday marked the contest’s return to its traditional location outside Nathan’s flagship shop in Brooklyn’s Coney Island neighborhood. The event was relocated in 2020 and last year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“It’s beautiful to be back here” in front of a throng of spectators, Chestnut told ESPN after his feat, which the 38-year-old managed while wearing a surgical boot because of a leg injury.

“It hurts, but I was in the zone for a little bit. I was ignoring it,” said Chestnut, but the pain eventually slowed his pace in the

10-minute competition.

Last year, the Westfield, Indiana, resident topped his own record by consuming 76 franks and buns.

Sudo, of Tampa, Florida, set the women’s record at 48 1/2 wieners and buns in 2020, before taking last year off while expecting. She and Nick Wehry — a fellow competitive eater whom she met through the Nathan’s contest in 2018 — welcomed son Max on July 8, 2021.

From dad’s arms, the baby watched his 36-year-old mother notch her eighth Nathan’s win.

She told ESPN afterward that she hoped he would someday take a message away from it.

“I want to set an example,” she said, “to do things that you love and push yourself to your absolute limits and, when things get difficult, to still give it a try. And, you know, you might actually just come out victorious.”

Sudo then took over parenting duties while Wehry tried for the men’s title.

In conjunction with the spectacle, Nathan’s donates 100,000 franks to the Food Bank for New York City.

Conferences make more realignments

By **JOHN MARSHALL**
AP Sports Writer

Conference realignment in college sports has been going on since 1984, when the Supreme Court invalidated the NCAA’s national television contract for football.

The conference juggling has gone through ebbs and flows through the years since, from small schools bumping up to bigger leagues to power programs switching to other major conferences.

The latest move, Southern California and UCLA bolting the Pac-12 for the Big Ten, could be part of a tectonic shift. Not just because of the marquee schools involved, but because it happened at a time when the NCAA is looking to take a more decentralized approach to governing college athletics, handing more power to schools and conferences.

“You might think this is more seismic because it’s involving wealthier schools — and arguably it is — but also it’s seismic because of the underpinnings of the system, the foundations of the system, are being challenged at a time when the financial structure is exploding,” Smith College economics professor Andrew Zimbalist said Friday. “It may have larger ramifications, but it is a process that’s been ongoing.”

The decisions by USC and UCLA to join the Big Ten in 2024 come roughly a year after Texas and Oklahoma announced they were leaving the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference.

While surprising, even to Pac-12 officials, the announcement Thursday gives the Los Angeles schools stability and exposure in a shifting collegiate sports landscape.

“It’s huge for our student athletes, just from a national exposure perspective,” UCLA athletic director Martin Jarmond said. “They’re going to compete at the highest level in a major elite conference in different time zones. UCLA is always national, but now we have the ability for student athletes to showcase their talent across the country. That’s exciting.”

For all the other benefits, the bottom line to the defections is the bottom line.

The SEC has become a college football behemoth that distributed \$54.6 million to each of its member schools in the 2021 fiscal year. The Big Ten has tried to keep up and had a per-school distribution of \$46.1 million last year.

The Pac-12 had the lowest distribution number among Power Five schools, paying its member institutions \$19.8 million in 2021.

At the core, it’s all about the TV.

The SEC has a \$3 billion deal with ESPN that’s set to kick in in 2024 and the Big Ten is currently negotiating a massive media rights deal. The Pac-12 has floundered when it comes to TV as the conference’s network has struggled to gain footing while many of its games are played late at night.

With costs to run college athletic programs have climbed in recent years, exacerbated by the pandemic, moving to an even bigger conference provides more financial stability. For the Big Ten, adding UCLA and USC gives the conference a foothold in the nation’s second-largest media market.

“Money talks,” said Tom McMillen, President and CEO of Lead1, which represents Football Bowl Subdivision athletic directors and programs. “I was on the board of regents when Maryland jumped in to the Big Ten and there were all kinds of arguments about it was academics and it was this and that, but ultimately it came down to money. I think that’s the same case here.”

The defections will create two mega conferences that will hold the majority of power and money, leaving the rest of leagues scrambling to keep up.

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We’ll likely see plenty of teams swapping and conferences expanding before it’s all said and done.

There’s rumor of the Big 12 reaching out to current Pac-12 teams to expand even farther, after UCF, Cincinnati, Houston and BYU enter the confer-

ence.

I’d wager Notre Dame has to join a conference at this point too.

In any case, with the Dog Days of Summer in full swing, sports pundits across the country will opine on the current state of the NCAA until we get to the opening kickoffs in just two month’s time.

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Champs

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are going to push us around down low.”

On the scoring side of things, the Champions will look to their second scoring option from last season, Lucas Clanton, as well as a “scoring by committee” approach.

“We don’t have Justis Carter to rely on, so I think they started to realize, and

it’s still ongoing, that other people are going to have to score,” Lawson said.

“In my first year at Cascade, we were dangerous because we had points coming from a bunch of different guys. I think that’s what we’re working back towards for this season.”

Clanton was a heavy contributor on both sides of the floor for the Champions last season as he complimented Carter’s dominant post play with athleticism and length from the guard

Jailed Griner writes Biden in anguished plea for help

By **DOUG FEINBERG**
AP Basketball Writer

Brittney Griner has made an appeal to President Joe Biden in a letter passed to the White House through her representatives saying she feared she might never return home and asking that he not “forget about me and the other American Detainees.”

Griner’s agent Lindsay Kagawa Colas said the letter was delivered on Monday. Most of the letter’s contents to President Biden remain private, though Griner’s representatives shared a few lines from the hand-written note.

“...As I sit here in a Russian prison, alone with my thoughts and without the protection of my wife, family, friends, Olympic jersey, or any accomplishments, I’m terrified I might be here forever,” Griner wrote.

“On the 4th of July, our family normally honors the service of those who fought for our freedom, including my father who is a Vietnam War Veteran,” the Phoenix Mercury center added. “It hurts thinking about how I usually celebrate this day because freedom means something completely different to me this year.”

The two-time Olympic gold medalist is in the

midst of a trial in Russia that began last week after she was arrested on Feb. 17 on charges of possessing cannabis oil while returning to play for her Russian team. The trial will resume Thursday.

Fewer than 1% of defendants in Russian criminal cases are acquitted, and unlike in U.S. courts, acquittals can be overturned.

Griner’s wife, Chelle, said Tuesday morning she has not had any direct communication with President Biden since the letter was delivered to the White House.

“I still have not heard from him and honestly, it’s very disheartening,” Chelle Griner said on CBS Mornings.

The White House National Security Council confirmed the White House has received Griner’s letter.

“We believe the Russian Federation is wrongfully detaining Brittney Griner,” NSC spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said on Monday. “President Biden has been clear about the need to see all U.S. nationals who are held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad released, including Brittney Griner. The U.S. government continues to

work aggressively — using every available means — to bring her home.”

Chelle Griner said for Brittney to reach out directly to Biden is an indication of just how afraid her wife is about what’s next.

“BG is probably the strongest person that I know. So she doesn’t say words like that lightly,” Chelle said. “That means she truly is terrified that she may never see us again. And you know I share those same sentiments. ... I’m sure she was like, ‘I’m gonna write him now because ... my family has tried and to no avail. So I’m going to do it myself.’”

Griner pleaded with Biden in the letter to use his powers to ensure her return.

“Please do all you can to bring us home. I voted for the first time in 2020 and I voted for you. I believe in you. I still have so much good to do with my freedom that you can help restore,” Griner said. “I miss my wife! I miss my family! I miss my teammates! It kills me to know they are suffering so much right now. I am grateful for whatever you can do at this moment to get me home.”

Griner has been able to have sporadic communications with family,

friends and WNBA players through an email account her agent set up. The emails are printed out and delivered in bunches to Griner by her lawyer after they are vetted by Russian officials. Once the lawyers get back to their office, they’ll scan any responses from Griner and pass them back to the U.S. to send along.

She was supposed to have a phone call with her wife on their anniversary but it failed because of an “unfortunate mistake,” Biden administration officials.

Griner’s supporters have encouraged a prisoner swap like the one in April that brought home Marine veteran Trevor Reed in exchange for a Russian pilot convicted of drug trafficking conspiracy. The State Department in May designated her as wrongfully detained, moving her case under the supervision of its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, effectively the government’s chief hostage negotiator.

Griner isn’t the only American being wrongfully detained in Russia. Paul Whelan, a former Marine and security director is serving a 16-year sentence on an espionage conviction.

Reddick’s team confident after Cup win

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
AP Sports Writer

ELKHARTLAKE, Wis. — Tyler Reddick finally has his first Cup Series victory and probably a spot in NASCAR’s playoffs.

He is not letting off the gas now.

The Richard Childress Racing driver and his team have bigger goals than simply qualifying for the playoffs.

“We talk about being a contender for the championship, and I think we can. I truly think that we will be a contender for the championship when we get into it,” team owner Richard Childress said Sunday after Reddick’s win at Road America.

Strong statement for a team that only earned its first Cup win Sunday, in Reddick’s 92nd career start. But Reddick had come close enough before — five runner-up finishes before his win at Road America — and was reigning NASCAR champion Kyle Larson’s preseason pick as surprise driver of the year.

So it’s been a buildup to get to victory lane and now

Reddick will try to carry his new momentum into Atlanta Motor Speedway, where NASCAR races this Sunday and Reddick was a contender in the spring until a late crash.

Reddick had acknowledged just one week before Road America how frustrating it has been to fall short of that breakthrough first Cup win. He’d been driving his partner, Alexa, crazy as he struggled to take the next step.

“I’d say I was pretty miserable,” Reddick said. “I don’t think Alexa enjoyed being around me when I’d run second place. Yeah, second place isn’t a bad place to finish. But we’re here to win races.”

His first victory came on the course where he experienced one of the low points of his career.

Reddick recalled a disastrous performance in a 2018 Xfinity Series race at Road America that had him questioning whether he had what it takes to make it as a driver at the highest level.

“It was about here that things could have went one of two ways,” Reddick said.

“It could have went one way where I was pretty much giving up ... I don’t think I had it. But I had a lot of good people around me that believed in me, got me back where I needed to be, and from that point on, things have been a lot better.

“It’s really crazy that this is the place I got my first win because this place four years ago had me questioning everything.”

The win showed how far Reddick has come as a road-course driver since the early stages of his career.

“He was like: ‘Man, I hate road course racing. I’m not very good at it,’” crew chief Randall Burnett recalled. “He’s pretty good at everything he does, so for him to say that, it was a little bit of a challenge.”

Burnett credited Reddick for working tirelessly to make himself more comfortable on road courses.

“I think that’s a nice little cherry on top, for him to know that he’s worked that hard to get as good as he has on these places,” Burnett said. “So I think it’s pretty special for him to actually win on a road

course for the first time.”

Reddick generally had many more good days than bad days while racing in the Xfinity Series, where he won consecutive Xfinity titles in 2018 and 2019 and earned the seat in the No. 8 Chevrolet driving for Childress. He was surprised in the significant leap in competition when he got his Cup ride.

“We got slapped in the face with the reality of what Cup racing is like,” Reddick said. “I’ve had to learn a lot over the course of these last three years in the Cup Series as a driver.”

That also meant making sure he didn’t stew too much over his second-place finishes and instead figured out how the experiences could make him a better driver. Reddick didn’t even cast blame over his heart-breaking finish at Bristol this year, when he led until Chase Briscoe tried to slide past him in a move that caused both of their cars to spin out of control. Kyle Busch passed both to earn the victory.

position.

Heading into his senior campaign, Clanton and his teammates will be counting on him to step into a more commanding role.

“In my opinion, we have the best player in the district coming back,” Lawson said.

“He’ll have to prove that, but Lucas is tough — he’s tough to guard. We’re going to put the ball in his hands as much as possible. We have other guards that can score too, so if they take

Lucas’ options away then we can give the ball to any of our other guards.”

Up and down the Champions’ roster are guards who can play with or without the basketball in their hands.

While it is never a bad thing to have a plethora of players to turn to around the perimeter, it is almost imperative in high school basketball to have a post presence that can secure rebounds and contribute points from the painted

area.

With a few players that can fill that position and his roster in mind, Lawson turned his attention to one team in an attempt to instill a championship frame of mind — the Golden State Warriors.

“I watched a lot of the Warriors during the playoffs and how they got shots,” Lawson said. “Obviously they’re professionals and the best in the business at shooting the three-point ball, but I’m kind of think-

ing that we’re going to have to shoot more from the outside while still feeding it inside.”

“They do a great job of that, so I watched a lot of what they did. I try to incorporate some of their tendencies and principles, and I think the guys have picked that up well.”

As summer winds down and the season grows closer by the day, the Champions will continue to work towards their goal of reaching the state championship

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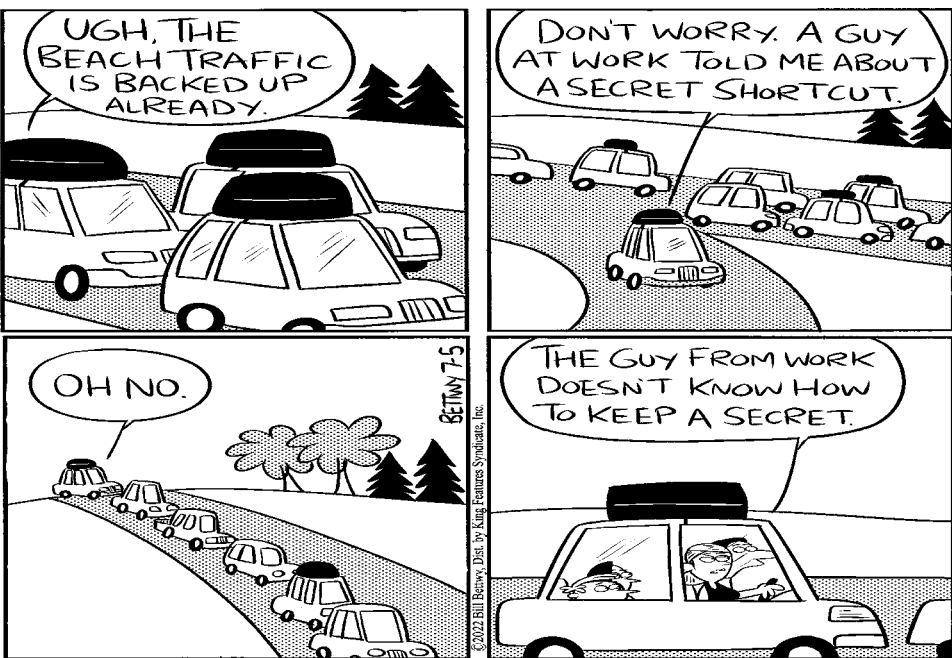
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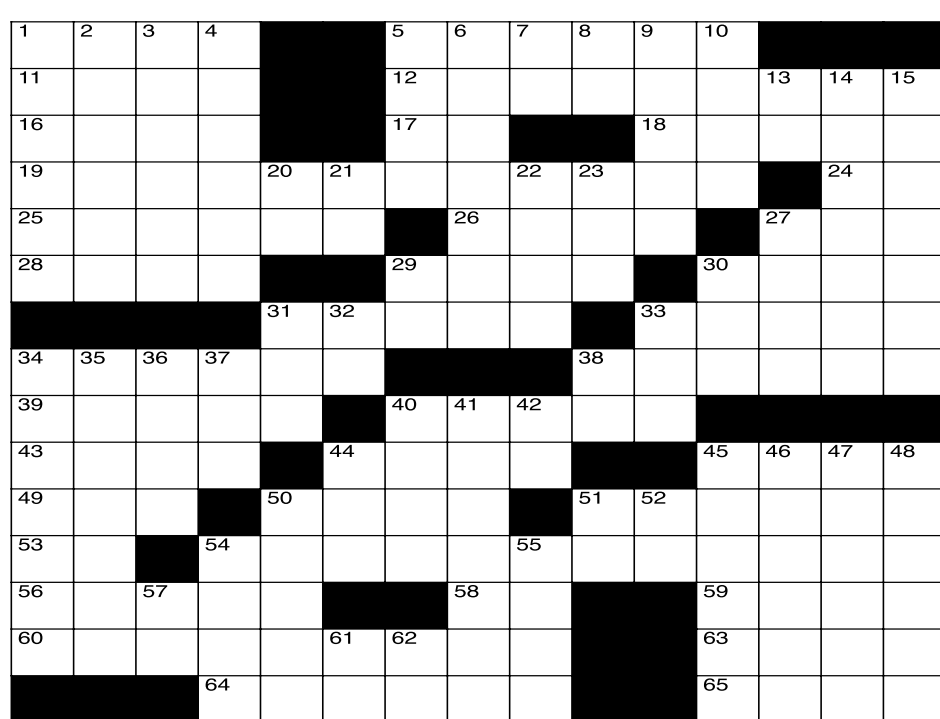
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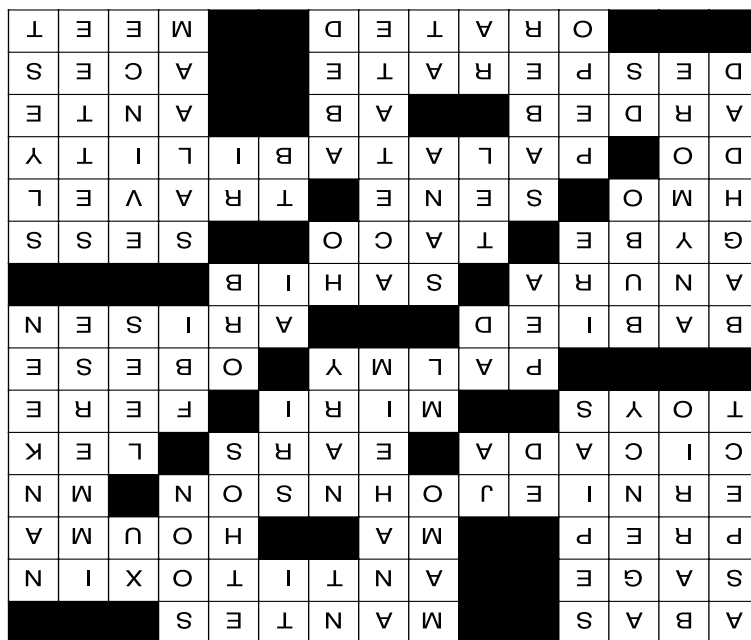
CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Genus of insects
- 11. Culinary herb
- 12. Neutralizing antibody
- 16. Plan
- 17. Pa's partner
- 18. A city in S Louisiana
- 19. TNT sportscaster
- 24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
- 25. Well-known bug
- 26. Body parts
- 27. Monetary unit of Albania
- 28. Kids' play things
- 29. Coastal city in Malaysia
- 30. Famed French physician
- 31. Flourishing
- 33. Excessively overweight
- 34. Pampered
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Order of tailless amphibians
- 40. Indian term of respect
- 43. Shift sails (Brit.)
- 44. Beloved Mexican dish
- 45. Scottish tax
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 51. Move about
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Unit of dry measure
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Something you can up
- 60. In great need
- 63. Breezes through
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Become acquainted with

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A particular part
- 2. Spanish neighborhood
- 3. Business
- 4. Reddish browns
- 5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
- 6. Disney town
- 7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
- 9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- 10. In a moment
- 13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 14. Submerge in a liquid
- 15. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 20. -, denotes past
- 21. Hoopster Morant
- 22. Not
- 23. Indian title of respect
- 27. Horsley and Marvin are two
- 29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
- 30. Hoover's organization
- 31. Round globular seed
- 32. University officia
- 33. Spherical body
- 34. Iraq's capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen lymph node
- 37. Angel
- 38. Technological marvel
- 40. Peruvian district
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. What Santa says
- 44. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 45. Late Heisman winner
- 46. Reveal the presence of
- 47. Long upholstered seat
- 48. Most wily
- 50. Sword
- 51. Respiratory disease
- 52. The Ocean State
- 54. Fleshy watery fruit
- 55. Lying down
- 57. Superheavy metal
- 61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 62. Indicates position

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you can expect anything to happen this week, which makes it an ideal time to fall in love — or fall back in love. Throw caution to the wind and welcome romance.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, don't be surprised if a former romantic partner or close friend reconnects with you this week. It may be possible to rekindle this connection if you so desire.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Don't hesitate to try something new this week, Gemini. You'll likely be surprised at what you discover you enjoy. You may even meet some interesting people.
CANCER - June 22/July 22
Spiritual matters are on your mind, Cancer. You are increasingly drawn to them as you get older. Do not hesitate to ask questions in your pursuit of enlightenment.
LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Optimism about life is in full force for you, Leo. Others will notice you are smiling more and moving about with a spring in your step. Channel that energy into a fun project.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, this week is full of possibilities. You may strike up a new friendship or decide to try a unique hobby. Travel may be the name of the game as well.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, even though you may be feeling positive and looking well, you're simply not drawing that special attention you desire. Don't be too hard on yourself; it will come.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, communication channels have been blocked lately, so you have been facing challenges getting your point across. Employ a little more patience.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, there have been days you have felt better. Don't let a minor illness derail your plans. Before you know it, you will be back on your feet.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Try an activity that strays from your usual routine, Capricorn. Change the time or the location to get a fresh perspective on your experiences. It can be the boost you need right now.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't be surprised if you have a desire to redecorate or change up your living space in some way, Aquarius. A new look can refresh your mindset as well.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Some interesting news is likely to come your way, Pisces. It's important to answer your phone, read your texts and check your emails.
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JULY 3
Tom Cruise, Actor (60)
JULY 4
Alyssa Miller, Model (33)
JULY 5
Edie Falco, Actress (59)
JULY 6
Kevin Hart, Comic (43)
JULY 7
Ringo Starr, Musician (82)
JULY 8
Kevin Bacon, Actor (64)
JULY 9
Jack White, Singer (47)

TUESDAY EVENING

JULY 5, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Holy Moley, The Chase, Who Do You Believe?, and various news and entertainment shows.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JULY 6, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Conners, Goldbergs, Elementary, and various news and entertainment shows.

THURSDAY EVENING

JULY 7, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Press Your Luck, Generation Gap, Fatal Flaw, and various news and entertainment shows.

FRIDAY EVENING

JULY 8, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Shark Tank, S.W.A.T., Magnum P.I., and various news and entertainment shows.

SATURDAY EVENING

JULY 9, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Home Videos, Generation Gap, The Rookie, and various news and entertainment shows.

SUNDAY EVENING

JULY 10, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Celebrity Family Feud, The Final Straw, The \$100,000 Pyramid, and various news and entertainment shows.

MONDAY EVENING

JULY 11, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like The Bachelorette, Neighbor, NCIS: Blood in the Face, and various news and entertainment shows.

TUESDAY EVENING

JULY 12, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like Holy Moley, Neighbor, NCIS: Blood in the Face, and various news and entertainment shows.

Giuliani, Graham testimony sought in Trump election probe

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia prosecutor investigating the conduct of former President Donald Trump and his allies after the 2020 election is trying to compel U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and others to testify before a special grand jury.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis on Tuesday filed petitions with the judge overseeing the special grand jury. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney signed a “certificate of material witness” for Graham, Giuliani and others saying that they have been deemed necessary to the investigation.

Representatives for Giuliani and Graham did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Willis also filed petitions for five other potential witnesses.

The special grand jury has been investigating whether Trump and others illegally tried to influence the 2020 presidential election in Georgia. Trump continues to insist that the election was stolen, despite the fact that numerous federal and local officials, courts and Trump’s own attorney general have all said there is no evidence of the fraud he alleges.

The investigation has been underway since early last year. Willis took this unusual step of requesting the special grand jury to help it along. She noted in a letter to the chief judge at the time that the special grand jury would be able to issue subpoenas to people who have refused to cooperate otherwise.

Willis has confirmed that her team is looking into a January 2021 phone call in which Trump pushed Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to “find” the votes needed for him to win the state. She also has said the team is looking at a November 2020 phone call between Graham and Raffensperger, the abrupt resignation of the U.S. attorney in Atlanta on Jan. 4, 2021, and comments made during December 2020 Georgia legislative committee hearings on the election.

It’s not clear exactly what charges Willis could choose to pursue against Trump or anyone else. In a letter she sent to top-ranking state officials last year, she said she was looking into “potential violations of Georgia law prohibiting the solicitation of election fraud, the making of false statements to state and local government bodies, conspiracy, racketeering, violation of oath of office and any involvement in violence or threats related to the election’s administration.”

Court battles continue across South in wake of Roe decision

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Attorneys argued over abortion laws Tuesday in three Southern states in response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gave states the power to limit or outlaw the termination of pregnancies.

In Mississippi, a judge held a hearing but didn’t say how or when she would rule in a lawsuit filed by the state’s only abortion clinic, which is trying to remain open by blocking a law that would ban most abortions in the state.

The law is set to take effect Thursday. Legislators passed it before the U.S. Supreme Court recently overturned the 1973 ruling that allowed abortions nationwide.

The clinic, Jackson Women’s Health Organization, is seeking a temporary restraining order that would allow it to remain open, at least while the lawsuit remains in court.

The closely watched lawsuit is part of a flurry of activity nationwide since the Supreme Court ruled. Conservative states have moved to halt or limit abortions while others have sought to ensure abortion rights, all as some women try to obtain the medical procedure against the changing legal landscape.

Florida’s new 15-week abortion ban was blocked but then quickly reinstated Tuesday, following an appeal from the state attorney general in a lawsuit challenging the restriction. Judge John C. Cooper issued the order temporarily halting the law after reproductive health providers argued that the state constitution guarantees a right to the procedure. The state quickly appealed his order, automatically placing the law back in effect.

The Florida law prohibits abortions after 15 weeks, with exceptions if the procedure is necessary to save the pregnant woman’s life, prevent serious injury or if the fetus has a fatal abnormality. It does not allow for

exemptions for pregnancies caused by rape, incest or human trafficking.

Violators could face up to five years in prison. Physicians and other medical professionals could lose their licenses and face administrative fines of \$10,000 for each violation. The law, which went into effect Friday, was passed by the GOP-controlled legislature and signed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis this spring.

In Louisiana, the state attorney general has asked the state Supreme Court to allow enforcement of a ban on most abortions. Louisiana’s anti-abortion statutes include so-called triggers that were designed to instantly take effect if the U.S. Supreme Court were to reverse abortion rights. But a state judge in New Orleans last week blocked enforcement of the law pending a court hearing on a lawsuit filed by a north Louisiana abortion clinic and others.

The Louisiana lawsuit says the law is unclear on when the ban takes effect and on medical exceptions to the ban. Tuesday’s filing by the attorney general’s office says the order blocking enforcement should be dissolved.

In Mississippi, if Chancery Judge Debra K. Halford grants the clinic’s request to block the new state law from taking effect, the decision could be quickly appealed to the state Supreme Court. Halford presided at a hearing without issuing a decision from the bench.

Mississippi was one of several states with a “trigger” law contingent on the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade. The law was passed in 2007 and has never been challenged in court. It says abortion will be legal only if the pregnant woman’s life is in danger or if a pregnancy is caused by a rape reported to law enforcement. It does not have an exception for pregnancies caused by incest.

The clinic’s lawsuit cites a 1998 Mississippi Supreme Court ruling that

said the state constitution invokes a right to privacy that “includes an implied right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.”

The state attorney general’s office argued that the 1998 ruling was rooted in U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 1973 and 1992 that established or protected abortion rights but were overturned on June 24. But Rob McDuff, an attorney for the clinic, argued that state justices never said their ruling was made because of the federal Constitution.

“They never said it would evaporate if Roe was ever overruled,” McDuff said in court Tuesday.

The state attorney general’s office said the Mississippi Constitution does not recognize a right to abortion and the state has a long history of restricting the procedure.

“In the past two weeks, the state of the law has changed dramatically,” the state solicitor general, Scott Stewart, argued Tuesday in court.

The lawsuit was filed three days after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in a case that originated in Mississippi. The clinic has continued to see patients, but owner Diane Derzis said it will close if the near-ban on abortions takes effect.

Outside the courthouse Tuesday in Mississippi’s capital city, several women held signs supporting abortion rights while two men took turns using a microphone to tell abortion rights supporters that God would punish them for eternity.

“You’re bloodthirsty. Bloodthirsty, abominable filth in the eyes of God,” said one of the anti-abortion protesters, Allen Siders. “Consider your ways today, sinners. Consider your ways today. Shame on you.”

An abortion-rights supporter performed an improvised dance in front of Siders to mock him, and several women laughed.

July 4 parade shooting leaves 6 dead, 30 hurt

By MICHAEL TARM, KATHLEEN FODY and ROGER SCHNEIDER Associated Press

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — A shooter fired on an Independence Day parade from a rooftop in suburban Chicago, spraying the crowd with gunshots initially mistaken for fireworks before hundreds of panicked revelers of all ages fled in terror. At least six people were killed and at least 30 wounded.

An hourslong manhunt during which residents hunkered down in businesses or received police escorts to their homes ended with a traffic stop and brief chase Monday evening, when authorities detained a man they described as a person of interest. They identified no motive for the attack in Highland Park, an affluent community of about 30,000 on Chicago’s north shore.

The July 4 shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together.

“It definitely hits a lot harder when it’s not only your hometown but it’s also right in front of you,” resident Ron Tuazon said as he and a friend returned to the parade route Monday evening to retrieve chairs, blankets and a child’s bike that he and his family abandoned when the shooting

began. “It’s commonplace now,” Tuazon said. “We don’t blink anymore. Until laws change, it’s going to be more of the same.”

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day for the annual celebration.

Among them was the family of Nicolas Toledo, who was in his late 70s and visiting from Mexico when he was shot. He died at the scene, his granddaughter, Xochil Toledo, told the Chicago Sun-Times. Also killed was Jacki Sundheim, a lifelong congregant and “beloved” staff member at nearby North Shore Congregation Israel, which announced her death on its website.

Dozens of fired bullets sent hundreds of parade-goers — some visibly bloodied — fleeing. They left a trail of abandoned items that showed everyday life suddenly, violently disrupted: a box of chocolate cookies spilled onto the grass; a child’s Chicago Cubs cap; baby strollers, some bearing American flags, and children’s bikes.

“There’s no safe place,” said Highland Park resident Barbara Harte, 73, who had stayed away from the parade fearing a mass shooting, but later ventured from her home.

Highland Park Police Chief Lou Jogmen said a police officer pulled over Robert E. Crimo III about 5 miles north of the shooting scene, several hours after police released the

man’s photo and an image of his silver Honda Fit, and warned the public that he was likely armed and dangerous. Authorities initially said he was 22, but an FBI bulletin and Crimo’s social media said he was 21.

Police declined to immediately identify Crimo as a suspect but said identifying him as a person of interest, sharing his name and other information publicly was a serious step.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force spokesman Christopher Covelli said at a news conference “several of the deceased victims” died at the scene and one was taken to a hospital and died there.

Police have not released details about the victims, but Toledo’s granddaughter told the Sun-Times that Toledo had spent most of his life in Morelos, Mexico. Xochil Toledo said she remembers looking over at her grandfather as a band passed them playing music.

“He was so happy,” she said. “Happy to be living in the moment.”

Xochil Toledo said her father tried to shield her grandfather and was shot in the arm; her boyfriend also was shot in the back and taken by someone to a nearby hospital because they weren’t sure there would be enough ambulances for all the victims.

Roberto Velasco, Mexico’s director for North American affairs, said on Twitter that two Mexicans were also wounded.

Sundheim had spent decades on the staff at North Shore Congregation

Israel, early on teaching at the congregation’s preschool and later serving as Events and B’nei Mitzvah Coordinator, “all of this with tireless dedication,” the congregation said in its statement announcing her death.

“Jacki’s work, kindness and warmth touched us all,” the statement said.

Lake County Coroner Jennifer Banek said the five people killed at the parade were adults, but didn’t have information on the sixth victim.

NorthShore University Health Center received 26 patients after the attack. All but one had gunshot wounds, said Dr. Brigham Temple, medical director of emergency preparedness. Their ages ranged from 8 to 85, and Temple estimated that four or five were children.

“It is devastating that a celebration of America was ripped apart by our uniquely American plague,” Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said at a news conference.

“While we celebrate the Fourth of July just once a year, mass shootings have become a weekly — yes, weekly — American tradition.”

Since January, there have been 15 shootings where four or more people have been killed, including the Highland Park shooting, according to The Associated Press/USA TODAY/Northeastern University mass killing database.

The shooter opened fire around 10:15 a.m., when the parade was about three-

quarters through, authorities said.

Highland Park Police Commander Chris O’Neill, the incident commander on scene, said the gunman apparently used a “high-powered rifle” to fire from a spot atop a commercial building where he was “very difficult to see.” He said the rifle was recovered at the scene. Police also found a ladder attached to the building.

President Joe Biden on Monday said he and first lady Jill Biden were “shocked by the senseless gun violence that has yet again brought grief to an American community on this Independence Day.”

In recent days, Biden signed the widest-ranging gun violence bill passed by Congress in decades, a compromise that showed at once both progress on a long-intractable issue and the deep-seated partisan divide that persists.

Crimo, who goes by the name Bobby, was an aspiring rapper with the stage name Awake the Rapper, posting on social media dozens of videos and some ominous and violent.

In one animated video since taken down by YouTube, Crimo raps about armies “walking in darkness” as a drawing appears of a man pointing a rifle, a body on the ground and another figure with hands up in the distance.

In another video, in which Crimo appears in a classroom wearing a black bicycle helmet. He says: “Everything has led up to this. Nothing can stop me,

even myself.”

Crimo’s father, Bob, a longtime deli owner, ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Highland Park in 2019, calling himself “a person for the people.”

Highland Park is a close-knit community on the shores of Lake Michigan, with mansions and sprawling lakeside estates that have long drawn the rich and sometimes famous, including NBA legend Michael Jordan, who lived in the city for years when he played for the Chicago Bulls. John Hughes filmed parts of several movies in the city, including “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” “Sixteen Candles” and “Weird Science.”

Gina Troiani and her son were lined up with his daycare class ready to walk onto the parade route when she heard a loud sound that she believed was fireworks — until she heard people yell about a shooter.

“We just start running in the opposite direction,” she told The Associated Press.

Troiani said she pushed her 5-year-old son’s bike, running through the neighborhood to get back to their car.

“It was just sort of chaos,” she said. “There were people that got separated from their families, looking for them. Others just dropped their wagons, grabbed their kids and started running.”

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