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TRUCK WRECKS; NO SERIOUS INJURY



The driver of this truck was only slightly injured when it ended up on its side after running off Railroad Avenue early Thursday afternoon. Shelbyville Police Department had not released more details as of press time.

T-G Photo by David Melson

Fair theme: 'Stars, Stripes and Fair Delights'

Fun opens on July 18

Bedford County Fair kicks off Monday at the Ag Center on Midland Road. There are many of the same traditional events but also some new additions to the fun, according to organizers.

Shelbyville Mayor Wallace Cartwright has this to say in the fair booklet, "The 2022 Fair promises to be bigger and better than ever with events such as tractor pulls, livestock shows, including sheep, cattle, horses and goats. The fair also includes canned and baked goods, fresh produce, arts and crafts, antique farm equip-

ment, midways and much more. There should be something for everyone to enjoy."

With the newly poured concrete floors, the activities are likely to be more enjoyable with less dust and easier access, the Mayor shared.

This year's fair booklet is dedicated to Joan Pimental who passed away last September and Keith Cook, who passed away last October—both great supporters of the local event, according to organizers.

The General Assembly of the State of Tennessee gets in on the fair action each year too. Bedford County receives a portion of the State Aid to Fairs funds.

But the fair also relies on local businesses and organizations as sponsors, food vendors and of course, PrimeTime Carnival Co., for bringing its amusements to the fair.

The annual dog show will be held Wednesday. Registration starts at 7 p.m., and the show follows at 7:30 p.m.

"Faith and Patriotic Night" will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday. Free admission will be given to all military with proper ID. Madison Street Worship-Gateway Church will be a part of this program.

Bedford County's Mid State Cloggers kick up their heels for the crowd on Thursday at 7

p.m. Karaoke Night, if you dare, will be at 8 p.m., Thursday.

One of the area's favorite pickers, "Double Shot," featuring Andy and Lee Huffer, will perform 7 p.m., Friday, July 22.

Justin Williams, a native of Wartrace, opens his show at 8 p.m., next Friday.

On Saturday night, Jaysen Gold, who some might know for his song, "Where's my Breath" will hit the stage Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m.

In between all these great events will be a drawing to win a "free load of gravel." The drawing

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County honors Brown's service

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Commissioner John Brown was commemorated for his 40 years of service to Bedford County by the Bedford County Commission on Tuesday evening.

A proclamation was signed by Tennessee Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton, State Rep. Pat Marsh, and State Sen. Shane Reeves. It was read by Charles Curtiss of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association (TCCA).

"Whereas John Edward Brown Sr. is one such estimable person who has demonstrated the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity as a member of the Bedford County Commission," Curtiss read from the proclamation.

Brown was unable to attend the meeting due to health issues. He is retiring from public service this year. Brown's daughter, Vivian Cornish, and her husband, Tony Cornish, accepted the certificate in his place.

Brown came to Shelbyville from



JOHN BROWN

Rutherford County in the early 1960s. A pastor, he served as the president of Shelbyville's NAACP from 1960 to 1980.

In 1970, Brown became the third African American hired to serve as a police officer by the City of Shelbyville. By 1975, he was working full-time at Eaton Corporation, where beginning in 1969, he rose from janitor to supervisor during his career. He retired from Eaton in 1990. He then served as a pastor at Mt. Olivet and Fayetteville until 2004.

He has been serving as a commissioner for District 8 (north Shelbyville, east of 41A) since 1982 and currently serves as Chair Pro-Tem

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John Brown's daughter, Vivian Cornish, left, receives the award commemorating her father's 40 years of service to Bedford County. To her right are husband Tony Cornish, Mayor Chad Graham and Charles Curtiss, Executive Director of Tennessee County Services Association.

T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard

New convenience center hours

T-G STAFF REPORT

Bedford County Convenience Center hours will change, beginning Aug. 1

• Bell Buckle, Wartrace, Normandy, WBTS, and Deason will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• El Bethel, Tollgate, and Unionville will be open Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We have had people wanting us to be open for longer hours . . . So it saves us just a little bit on overtime expenses," said highway department assistant superintendent Diane Forbes. "By doing it this way, everybody is going to be working 10 hours."

She added, "We really feel like this

is going to be an added asset to the County for people to be able to deliver their trash."

The centers serve all Bedford County residents but are for household garbage only, not commercial businesses. Large household items, like couches, can be dropped off at any of the centers.

There are no furniture bins, but these centers have new compactors that can take any type of household furniture.

TVs and computers should be taken to the El Bethel location, which can also take fluorescent tubing (from individuals, not from businesses), according to Forbes.

The County will sponsor a hazardous waste event on Sept. 24.

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DEATH NOTICES

Stacey Smith

July 11, 2022

Stacey Smith, 38, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Galilee Baptist Church, 917 Sevier St. Visitation will begin at 12 noon.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Donald Dwight Barnes

July 8, 2022

Dr. Donald Dwight Barnes, age 94, of Shelbyville, went to be with our Lord on Friday, July 8, 2022, under the loving care of Manchester Rehab Health Center.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, with Jay Pope and Tommy Whitwell officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

He was born October 27, 1927, in Tampa, Florida, to the late Newton Barnes and Bell Cochran Barnes. He served briefly in the Army during World War II. Dr. Barnes practiced medicine for 50 years as an OB-GYN both in Roanoke, Virginia, and Shelbyville, Tennessee. He delivered nearly 5,000 babies throughout his career. He was known to be a "starter." While in Roanoke, he helped start Certified Medical Representatives (CMR). Its purpose is to develop, train, and certify pharmaceutical sales representatives. He also helped start the TOP clinic for women and the grand rounds program for Bedford County Hospital. He led numerous Bible studies and taught the Word of God.

In 1990, he and his wife Sondra started International Medical Assisting Corp. (IMAC), a 501(c)(3) ministry, to send medical equipment and take medical teams to third world countries concentrating predominantly on Honduras, Nigeria, Africa, and in recent years, Guatemala. In his later years, he developed a men's prayer lunch where he cooked lunch for up to 15 men and had a prayer meeting. Out of those meetings, Fresh Start, a home for recovering addicts, was born.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sondra Barnes; six children: Margee Belk (Marty), Elizabeth Watkins (Randolph), Debbie Steger, Donald D. Barnes, Jr. (Cindy), David E. Barnes (Denise), and James E. Barnes (Tina); four stepchildren: Robert Kincaid (Colleen), Kathryn Auditore (Chris), Joseph Kincaid (Tammy), and Jonathan Wildish (Deana); 14 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Ann Frances Castelow

July 12, 2022

Mrs. Ann Frances Castelow, age 97, of Madison, Tennessee, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at The Rutherford-Memory Care, under the loving care and comfort of the dedicated staff, her family, and Aveanna Hospice.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Pastor Stephen Keene will officiate.

The family will receive visitors 12 noon until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

She was born June 21, 1925, in Springfield, Tennessee, to the late Sam and Lula Balthrop Savely. She was a practicing beautician for over 60 years, and was a faithful member of Madison First Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James C. "J.C." Castelow, brothers and sisters, James Savely, Raymond Savely, Russell Savely, John Savely, Roy Savely, Catherine Bowlin, and Margaret Savely; a son, in law, Clinton Gibbs.

Survivors include her children, Ron Castelow, of Madison, Rick Castelow, and his wife Rita, of Shelbyville, and Jo Gibbs, of Safety Harbor, Florida; grandchildren, Christopher Castelow, Clint Gibbs, and Brent Gibbs; great-grandchildren, Katie, Austin, Hailey, Chloe, Lillie, Julia, and Dawson; great great grandchild, Hudson.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Angela Elizabeth Hale Griffy

July 12, 2022

Angela Elizabeth Hale Griffy, age 48, of Shelbyville, died Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in Nashville.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 17, from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, with Rev. Jim Sorrells, Rev. Ray Armstrong and Rev. Nathan Hale officiating. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m.

Angela was born in Nashville and was a 1992 graduate of Cornersville High School. She was of the Baptist faith and was a health services caregiver. Angela was preceded in death by her father, William Dee Hale, Sr.; sister, Malissa Smartt, grandparents, Mathie D. and Margaret Hale, James Charles and Mattie Mae McCutcheon.

Ms. Griffy is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Brittany Nicole-May (Justin) Epperson, Shelbyville; mother and step-father, Mary and Bill May, Shelbyville; brother and sister-in-law, William D. and Carol Hale, Chapel Hill; her furry friends, Lilee and Pigpen; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations, in memory of Angela Griffy, may be made to Vanderbilt Cardiovascular Medicine, Education and Research Heart Fund, (<http://medicine.vumc.org/people/cardiovascular-medicine-research-faculty>).

A look at Tennessee's primary elections

NASHVILLE (AP) — Voters could begin casting ballots Friday in Tennessee's Aug. 4 primary election as candidates compete to win their party's nomination for governor, Congress and state legislative seats.

Some local counties will also have judicial elections, ballot initiatives and district attorney races.

Here's a look at some of the top contests:

GOVERNOR

Republican Gov. Bill Lee is running unopposed in the GOP primary as he seeks a second term, marking the first time in nearly 30 years an incumbent governor has had no primary opponent. Meanwhile, three Democratic candidates are hoping to win their party's nomination. Those three are physician Jason Martin, Memphis councilmember JB Smiley Jr. and community advocate Carnita Atwater.

While Tennessee has not elected a Democrat to statewide office in nearly 15 years, these three are hoping the current national political landscape and unhappiness among some voters over Lee's first term will create a path for a Democrat to win the top seat.

CONGRESS

Earlier this year, Tennessee's GOP-dominated General Assembly split up left-leaning Nashville into three congressional districts with the goal of flipping the seat from Democrat to Republican. This change sparked longtime incumbent Democratic U.S. House Rep. Jim Cooper to announce he would not seek reelection because he felt there was no path for him to win.

After some jockeying over who qualifies for the ballot, nine candidates are in the race. This includes

Maury County Mayor Andy Ogles, former state House Speaker Beth Harwell, from Nashville, and retired Tennessee National Guard Brig. Gen. Kurt Winstead, of Franklin.

State Sen. Heidi Campbell from Nashville is the only candidate running in the Democratic primary.

Meanwhile, five out of Tennessee's nine congressional members are running unopposed in the primary: U.S. House Reps. Diana Harshbarger, Tim Burchett, Scott DesJarlais, John Rose and Mark Green are all running unopposed.

D e m o c r a t i c Congressman Steve Cohen of Memphis, and Republican Congressmen David Kustoff and Chuck Fleischmann face opponents in the primary.

STATEHOUSE

In the Republican-supermajority Legislature, all of Tennessee's 99 state House seats are up for election this year. There are currently 15 open seats, with the majority of them being held by Republicans. Twenty-one seats feature contested Republican primaries and nine include contested Democratic primaries.

Some of the openings include disgraced former House Speaker Glen Casada, who was ousted from the top position in 2019 due to a series of scandals. Former GOP Rep. Robin Smith resigned earlier this year after facing federal wire charges that allege she ran a political consulting kickback scheme with Casada and his former chief of staff, neither of whom have been charged to date.

Rep. David Byrd also won't seek reelection. The Republican has faced allegations by three women of sexual misconduct three

decades ago when he was a high school teacher and their basketball coach. He was never charged but two of the women accused Byrd of inappropriately touching them; the third said Byrd tried to.

Byrd initially announced he would retire in 2020, but reversed course by arguing that it was important to have an experienced lawmaker during the coronavirus pandemic.

Notably, long-serving state Rep. John Mark Windle has filed to run as an independent after previously being a registered Democrat for almost three decades.

In the Senate, 17 of 33 seats are on the ballot, four with contested GOP primaries and two with contested Democratic races. Three departing senators leave open seats: Republicans Brian Kelsey and Mike Bell, and Democrat Brenda Gilmore. Kelsey is facing a federal indictment on charges that he violated federal campaign finance laws during his failed 2016 congressional campaign.

Also up for election is a Shelby County seat that Democratic Sen. London Lamar of Memphis was appointed to fill after ex-Sen. Katrina Robinson was expelled from the Senate. Robinson, a Memphis Democrat, was convicted of using about \$3,400 in federal grant money on wedding expenses instead of her nursing school. She was expelled before her sentence, which did not include prison time. Lamar faces two Democrats in the primary.

SUPREME COURT

All five seats on Tennessee's Supreme Court are up for an eight-year retention election in the August primary. They are Jeff Bivins, Sarah Campbell, Sharon Lee,

Holly Kirby and Roger Page. They are all expected to clear the vote.

OTHER KEY RACES

Tennessee's most populous county, Shelby, features a couple of key races and a notable referendum.

County Mayor Lee Harris is being challenged by Memphis City Council member Worth Morgan. Harris, a Black Democrat, is seeking his second four-year term. Morgan, a white Republican, has served on the council since 2016.

Republican incumbent and longtime Shelby County District Attorney Amy Weirich, who has held the position since 2011, faces Democratic civil rights attorney and former county commissioner Steve Mulroy.

The pair have clashed in debates, and the issue of abortion prosecutions under the state's pending "trigger law" has become an issue. The law essentially would ban all abortions statewide. It also would make performing an abortion a felony and subject doctors to up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Mulroy said he would make prosecution of those who perform abortions an "extremely low" priority. Weirich has not said outright whether she will or won't prosecute doctors who perform abortions. Weirich said it would be a violation of Tennessee code for her office "to issue a broad and hypothetical statement without an actual charge or case."

Voters also will decide whether term limits for Memphis mayor and for city council should be extended from two to three. Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland has said he would seek a third term if the referendum passes.



The family of Bedford County Commissioner John Brown proudly accepted an honor for him recently during a Bedford County Board of Commission meeting. He has served for 40 years. Brown will be stepping down, due to health issues.

Brown

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for the County.

"What I was most impressed by all of that was while he was serving the people of this county, he was serving the Lord the whole time, and it's a wonderful testimony," said Curtiss.

Mayor Chad Graham added a story about when he was first elected as county mayor in 2018. "I'll try not to get emotional about this. But I remember him sitting me down and saying, 'God has appointed you for this time and now you need to stand and serve.' And I'm trying to do that, and I'm excited to have served with him."

Hazard mitigation

The board passed a resolution to adopt an updated county Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is how the county is reimbursed for natural disaster damage.

According to Emergency Management Agency director David Kitchens, the hazard mitigation plan is done through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which requires frequent updates to the plan.

"When it says update, we list programs in there from around the county. We bring people in from Wartrace, Bell Buckle, Normandy to talk about what their hazards are and what they're rated and come up with programs they can be eligible to do for the year," explained

Kitchens.

They do a risk assessment for each of the municipalities. For example, Normandy is at a high risk of flooding due to the dam and waterways.

"But things like flash flooding can happen anywhere, so that's why it's kind of a blanket plan to cover any area," Kitchens said. Tornadoes, as well, are unpredictable as two popped up this year unexpectedly.

This year, FEMA also added Public Assistance (PA for short) that provides supplemental grants to local governments, so communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. Bedford County is in the process now of approving these plans in all its cities.

According to the resolution, this will help the County "to express continued commitment to mitigation as a means of reducing the human and economic costs of natural and man-made disasters for the citizens of Bedford County."

TDEC grant

The board voted to authorize the submission of a grant application with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for funding to purchase and install safety cameras at all eight convenience centers in the county.

This will help address attempts of vandalism, illegal dumping, and to promote safety for employees and citizens, according to the resolution.

Fair

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will be held on Saturday, July 24, and is sponsored by Rogers Group.

Rounding up the musical performances, but certainly not least, will be

Phil Valdez at 8:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 23. Valdez began singing as a teen, idolizing the late Merle Haggard and George Jones.

So, it's only fitting that the annual "George Jones Tribute and Rocking

Chair" give-a-way, sponsored by Kincaid Service Company, round out Saturday night festivities around 8 p.m.

See Tuesday's T-G for information about livestock exhibits coming up at the county fair.

ELECTION



Bedford County's general election will be held Thursday, Aug. 4. Several Commission seats are open.

Commissioner Gallagher seeks re-election

Don Gallagher is an independent candidate for re-election to Bedford County Board of Commissioners in the Aug. 4 General Election. He is currently one of two commissioners serving the 1st District, which is composed of the Wartrace and Bell Buckle precincts.

Gallagher has served as a commissioner for 11½ years. He filled the vacancy of Phillip Vincent in 2011.

He currently serves on the financial management committee, the Joint Economic Advisory Board and Bedford County Railroad Authority. He's also on the board of trustees with Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library.

Prior to being elected as a commissioner, he was Mayor of Wartrace. He retired professionally in 2015, following 50 years with his family business, Gallagher Guitars.

Gallagher has previously served on the board of trustees of Heritage Medical Center (now Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital); the Board of Upper Duck River Development Agency; the board of Leadership Bedford; and served as a past president of Shelbyville Rotary Club.

Gallagher attends Wartrace Church of Christ, where he's taught Bible classes for 42 years. He served as minister for 21 years before retiring in 2019.

A graduate of The Webb School in Bell Buckle, he holds a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and a master's from the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Elected Official Academy of the University of Tennessee and a graduate of the Tennessee Military Academy where he received a commission as an Army reserve officer.

He and wife, Jean Adcock Gallagher married 53 years ago; they have 3 sons and 11 grandchildren. Jean is a retired teacher with 40 years of experience, having taught for 32 years at Cascade Middle School.

"It has been an honor to represent the 1st District on the County Commission," said Gallagher. "As a member of the financial management committee, it was particularly rewarding



DON GALLAGHER

last term to work with the Board of Education and the other commissioners to secure funding for the much-needed new Cascade High School."

Gallagher added that this term of office was highlighted by working with the County Commission and the Town of Wartrace to secure a \$1.2 million dollar Community Development Block Grant for the Union Ridge Water Extension Project.

"Also, as a member of the Economic Advisory Board, I am excited about the progress we have made in developing the 231 Industrial Park. The commercial development along highway 231 will yield significant economic benefits in the future to our County." He added that high water bills are

a pressing concern in the 1st District. "Aging water lines are in desperate need of replacement. Presently, the Wartrace Water System is losing approximately 50% of its water through leaks. This results in about \$21,000 per month in lost revenue, making our water bills in Wartrace and Bell Buckle exceedingly high. If re-elected my focus this next term of office will be to work with the Wartrace Water Department and the County Commission to secure needed funding to enact a water line rehabilitation program." "My unique blend of experience in business, government and community involvement helps me be an effective representative for the 1st District. If re-elected, I will continue to represent the 1st District with integrity and honesty."

Commissioner Brothers on Aug. 4 ballot

Janice Brothers, a Bedford County Commissioner representing District 3, seeks re-election on Aug. 4. Early voting for the general election takes place through July 30.

Brothers first became a commissioner in 2008, following the passing of her husband, Roger, who had served the county for 30 years. This is a rite-of-passage for spouses when a commissioner dies before their term has expired. Brothers has since been re-elected to her Commission seat.

She's served on the County finance committee, the zoning board of appeals committee as secretary and as treasurer of the Community Clinic.

Brothers said Bedford County will always be the place she "proudly calls home." She's a Community High School graduate of 1966.

Brothers has two children, Chris Brothers and Sherry Anderson. She is the grandmother of Kristen and Justin Reese, Logan Brothers, Addison Brothers, Rylie Anderson and Brodie Anderson. The District 3 commissioner recently welcomed into the world her great-granddaughter, Elsie Kate Reese.

Prior to serving on the Commission, she was a part of the PTA and Junior Pro Basketball Board for Community schools. She is currently an active member of Community High School Alumni Association.

Professionally, Brothers worked at the Unionville Post Office for 20 years. She's also a Bedford County businesswoman, owning and operating Janice's Hair



JANICE BROTHERS

Care for 27 years.

The commissioner said she "values her faith, family and community." She said that she rarely misses any of her grandchildren's activities or a community event. She recently attended the groundbreaking of the Community High classroom wing.

"I strongly believe in investing in the next generation," said Brothers. "I was proud to stand by my husband, Roger Brothers, as he saw to the building of Community High School."

She said she's grateful for the community sup-

port she's received over the years. "I hope more than anything to see a great turn out at the polls this election term, because the voice of the citizens matter."

She's had a lot of mentors in her life. One in particular was her late father-in-law, Leland Brothers, who was a member of the school board. She shared many of his sentiments about his community.

"He said: 'We should all do what we can for our community and our world to make our community a better place.'"

LET'S KEEP

CHAD

GRAHAM

BEDFORD COUNTY
MAYOR

EARLY VOTING
JULY 15-30

A FEW OF MAYOR GRAHAM'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- New Elementary School "Reducing Portable Classrooms"
- City-County Partnership to Expand Industrial Park and Establish Direct Access to Highway 231 N
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Leftover paint

Dear Heloise:
After school, I worked in an auto body shop. We always told customers to bring a quart jar and lid for any extra paint. We put a handful of gravel (small rocks) in the jar for the paint to settle on; no more scraping and stirring. Just shake the jar a few times, and you were ready to do touch-ups, etc. -- Ron Dovey, via email

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



acceptable for recycling.

Also, to save water and energy on laundry, I regularly spot treat areas of the garment -- such as where deodorant was used or the collar -- with warm water, as tolerated by the fabric, and work in a little bar or dish soap. Then the washload can be washed in cold water yet have soil removed. I put warm water in the sink and use it for multiple garments. Of course, hang your laundry to dry whenever possible. -- Lisa G., Middlebury, Connecticut

Downsizing of TP

Dear Heloise: My toilet paper holder has side tabs instead of a roller to hold the paper. The new toilet paper rolls are too narrow to stay on the holder. So, to solve this problem, I squeezed the end of an old cardboard tube and inserted it into the new tube. This way enough stuck out of the other end to engage the tab. It works fine. -- Nancy in New Hampshire

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is Shadow, our labradoodle, guarding the front door. -- Susan Pieper, New Braunfels, Texas

Readers, to see Shadow and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Heloise

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

TEARS AT THE END

Dear Heloise: Reflecting back in regards to putting down one's beloved pets: I still regret not holding my first of two dogs when it was time for her to go. I didn't think I could handle it. As she was taken from me, I burst out sobbing.

PAINTING TIP

Dear Heloise: I recently read a reader's tip about storing a painting roller when taking a break from painting. They suggested putting the roller in a plastic sleeve and storing it in the freezer.

As an Ace Hardware retailer, I have seen that the majority of household paints sold today are latex (water-based) and should NEVER be frozen! Try putting the sleeved roller in the refrigerator instead. Love your column! -- Jamie in Alaska

GARDENING

Dear Heloise: I have enjoyed reading your column for so many years! I wanted to add something I read in an obituary the other day. A gal was known for her wonderful garden and her weeding expertise! She used a two-pronged meat fork. Enjoy! -- Gloria, via email

VINEGAR TO THE RESCUE

Dear Readers: If you have veggies that are wilted, soak them in the refrigerator in a mixture of 1 quart of water and 1 tablespoon of white vinegar. They will perk up! -- Heloise

WATER-SAVING HINT

Dear Heloise: I love reading your column in the Waterbury, Connecticut, Republican-American, and have done so for years.

In order to save water when cleaning bottles and jars for recycling, I fill the container halfway with water, add a small dot of dishwashing liquid, put the lid or cap back on tightly, and shake.

Substances that are sticky, such as peanut butter, are able to be removed if allowed to sit for a time and given a vigorous shake every now and then. Containers generally don't have to be sparkling clean to be

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

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

JULY 20

SATURDAY

Celebration

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

VFW Music Night

VFW Post 5019, 1320 Wartrace Pike (Depot Street), will hold its monthly third-Saturday music night this weekend. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the event from 6-9:30 p.m. James Smotherman & Friends will be featured but other acoustic musicians and singers are welcome. Admission is \$3, and there will be a potluck meal. No alcohol or outside beverages are permitted. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

SUNDAY

Normandy worship, lunch

The churches of Normandy will hold a Community Worship and Lunch under a tent on Front Street in Normandy on Sunday, July 17, at 10 a.m. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

JULY 18-23

Bedford County Fair

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

MONDAY

Democratic Party meeting

Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, July 18 at El Mexico, 724 N. Main St. Membership is not required and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY

Bell Buckle meeting

Bell Buckle Board of

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 tree 1-877-801-0044 or email sctn.ship@sctdd.org. Volunteers are also needed.

JULY 21

Bell Buckle committee

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

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.

JULY 25

Wartrace Board meeting

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

JULY 28

SCHRA meeting

South Central Human Resource Agency's Governing Board will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 28, at their central office, 1437 Winchester Highway, Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m.

JULY 29

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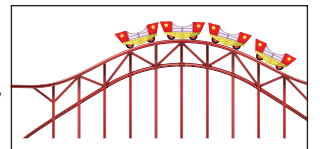
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Holidays

4th - Independence Day



Commodity distribution

South Central Human Resource Agency will hold a commodity distribution Thursday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m.-noon at Bedford County Agriculture Center, Midland Road.

AUG. 5

Farm Bureau meeting

Bedford County Farm Bureau's annual membership meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m. at its office, 323 Bethany Lane. Dinner will be served.

AUG. 6

Eagleville fish fry, auction

The Lanier Family Reunion Committee's annual fish fry and auction will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Eagleville Community Center, 317 Highway 99.

Townsend Day Festival

The Townsend Day Festival is scheduled 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Townsend Cultural Center, 913 S. Shepard St., Winchester. The event honors Townsend High School, Winchester's Black high school which closed with integration in 1966.

SEPT. 15

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.

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. Boxed non-perishables are available. Takeouts are no longer distributed.

Storm chances to increase in area

We start the weekend with quite a bit of sunshine and a high of 92 degrees. Sunday is looking partly cloudy with a

40 percent chance of a thunderstorm and once again humid with 92 degrees. The chance of rain goes up to 70 percent on Monday. We look to be

in the mid 90s from July 20-27 with scattered thunderstorm chances almost every day.

The storms that rolled across Bedford County on Tuesday evening brought quarter-sized hail about 5 miles southeast of Eagleville. A large tree was blown down west of Bell Buckle. Well over two inches of rain fell from the storm 7 miles west of Shelbyville.

Storms this time of year produce lots of cloud-to-ground lightning strikes and while it can be lots of fun to watch the electrical display of a distant thunderstorm, it can be danger-

Steve Norris

Weather

ous if you get up close and personal. If you can hear thunder, then it is close enough to strike. When thunder roars, go indoors! Stop all outdoor activities and seek shelter in a building or hard-topped vehicle.

I am available anytime to answer questions at weather1@charter.net. *•Steve Norris is a trained meteorologist,*

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July 17-20

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- Sunday 10 am: God's Promise To Love Us
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“Doc” Barnes passes

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Today’s faith page is in memory of Dr. Donald Dwight Barnes, who passed away on July 8 at age 94. While he served this county well as an OB-GYN for many years, he was also a man of Christian faith and discipleship.

In 1990, he and his wife, Sondra, started International Medical Assisting Corp. (IMAC), a 501(c)(3) ministry, to send medical equipment and take medical teams to third world countries. The ministry concentrated predominantly on Honduras, Nigeria, Africa, and in recent years, Guatemala.

His boots, and certainly his heart, could be found many times on foreign soil. The health conditions that Dr. Barnes found women in were deplorable, but he served the people with professionalism and dignity.

I had the pleasure of interviewing him years ago about IMAC and his calling in life. He assured me there’s no ‘red tape’ which can keep God from healing others, if that be His will.

With his medical experience and love for The Word of God, Dr. Barnes became The Lord’s instrument. Through his strong, healing hands, many—plagued with disease and infections—lived more productive lives.

Let’s not forget the thousands of babies who were delivered safely into the arms of their parents, because of his skills as an OB-GYN.

Dr. Barnes found a way to get the people in third world countries the love and attention they so desperately needed. That love came



DR. DONALD DWIGHT BARNES

in physical form through medicine and equipment, of course, but also enveloped into something spiritually beautiful between the ministry team and the people.

In his later years, Dr. Barnes developed a men’s prayer lunch where he cooked lunch for up to 15 men and had a prayer meeting. Out of those meetings, Fresh Start, a home for recovering addicts, was born.

Dr. Barnes answered, no doubt,

what he believed was his life’s calling. We can only imagine his life in heaven, now. I believe ‘well done, thy good and faithful servant’ was probably in order.

May we all answer such a ‘pounding on our hearts’ to serve ‘the least of these.’

No doubt, tears were shed across the world at the news of “Doc” Barnes’ passing. Right here at home, in Bedford County, he will certainly be missed.

BB First Baptist gets new pastor Mark Smith makes Shelbyville home

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Mark Smith moved from the North to the South in March to become First Baptist Bell Buckle’s new pastor. He’s an Alabama native, but never fear, his home, and heart, are now in Tennessee.

He and wife, Nellie, have decided to make their home in Shelbyville. They have four children—all grown and living in other states.

The Smiths’ last church was in Champaign, Ill., where he served as preacher for 10 years. He’s also served in Atlanta, Ga., for 12 years. They’ve been in Florida and also in Pigeon Forge—a place he really liked.

“When I got out of Bible college, I told my wife I was going to go somewhere and put my roots down and stay. I didn’t want to be one of these preachers that moved all over the country.”

But he believes God had other plans for him.

Still, this seasoned pastor believes he’s maintained a great deal of longevity in churches, though it’s not been 30 to 40 years as with some preachers. That is really rare in the ministry, he explains.

He said one thing for certain, he’s left on good terms from each of his ministry opportunities. “In fact, the last place was extremely difficult to leave,” he advised. “It was really a good ministry in every sense of the word.”

Now, he’s concentrating on his new ministry within the Bell Buckle community. “The population is less than 500, but the church has a decent size attendance for the size of the town,” the pastor explained.

Nearly 100 attended a recent dinner on the grounds event. He said Sunday morning worship attendance is averaging around 70 plus.

The move to Shelbyville

Most ministry teams like to be close to a Walmart

and other shopping conveniences. So Smith said he and his wife have decided to live in Shelbyville; they’ve built a town home behind H.V. Griffin Park.

He said it was difficult for them to purchase a home in Bell Buckle, mainly due to price. Since he and his wife like to exercise, it seemed a perfect fit to move close to the City’s park complex.

His wife decided she didn’t want to live in another subdivision. While a town home is still a bit different from what they originally planned, the preacher said they really liked the concept and quality of those behind the park. They hope in a few years they can build a home.

“The problem down here is that the prices are so much higher,” Smith said. “The home that we had built in Illinois would be \$150,000 more, at least, down here.”

But he also believes God wanted him to be in Bell Buckle. “My background is not Southern Baptist. My background is independent, so this is new for me.”

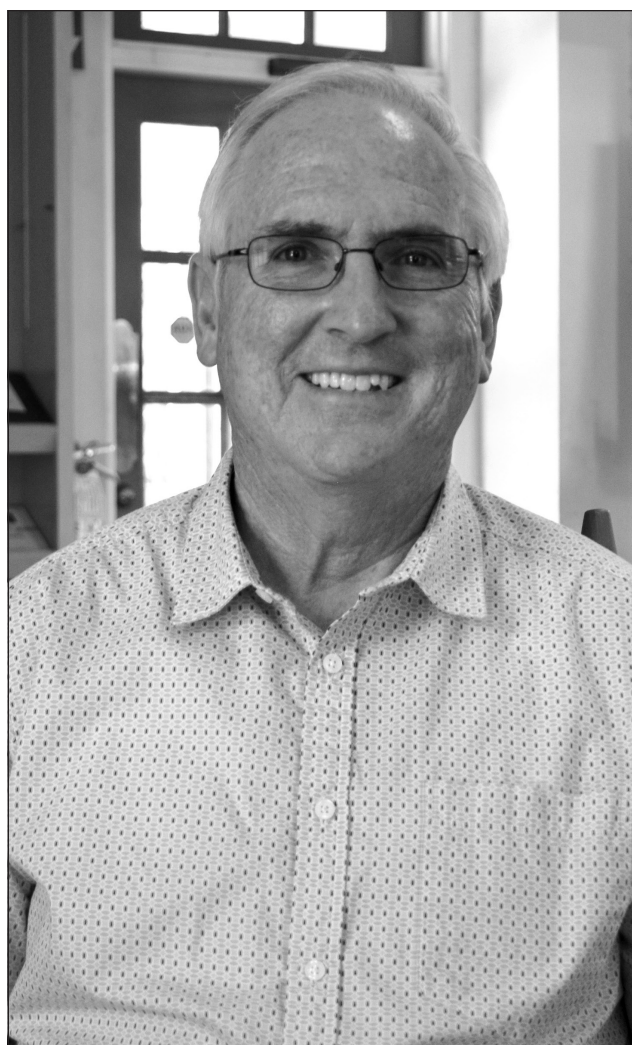
He said there are many similarities, however, between independent and Southern Baptist churches. So he has already attended Duck River Baptist Association meetings.

The new Bell Buckle preacher notes that he was raised as a child in the Southern Baptist Church and actually attended a Southern Baptist Church, in between ministries, before he moved to Champaign, Ill. “

“But I had never pastored a Southern Baptist Church.”

Smith said he understands there were a lot of resumes submitted for the new job at FB Bell Buckle. So he feels honored to be chosen by the congregation to serve as their new preacher.

He reminded that all Southern Baptist and independent Baptist churches are self-governing. So the congregation chose his



Mark Smith

family to move here. That’s a good feeling, he says.

Pastor Smith says he explained right up front to the congregation that he’s serious about his ministry/preaching. With his Bible in his hand, he goes where he’s called by God.

One example is that he’s now become involved in Journey for Hope, which is a massive food distribution held at the church once a month. Since COVID, the workers stand outside for hours, he says, distributing food to hundreds in drive-by fashion.

He’s been on the front lines, already. After all, he’s the preacher.

Smith says this will give him great opportunity to hand out Gospel tracts next month. “I’m really enjoying that.”

Pastoral goals?

Smith says at the present, he’s not concentrating

on church “goals” per se at this time. He wants to visit with the hundreds on the FB Bell Buckle membership roll. “What I’m doing right now . . . trying to get to know the people and develop relationships first.”

He and his wife are planning to make a lot of home visits. “We’re going to go through the whole membership book and also visit with regular attenders. We’re trying to get to know them, find out about their background; their salvation experience, baptism . . . how they ended up at First Baptist Bell Buckle. And basically just what they’re looking for, as far as the church, and moving forward.”

He adds, “I am a goal-oriented person, I will do that. But just right now, I’m going to spend the first 6 months to a year getting to know the people.”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

Bro. Tyler Shoemaker’s message at 10 a.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church will be “Do the Works You Did at First,” Part II. The service will be livestreamed.

“The Devil Desires Your Children,” from John 10:10, will be Pastor Jimmy West’s message at Edgemont Baptist Church. Vacation Bible School will be Sunday through Thursday from 6-8:30 p.m. nightly.

“Getting A Look On The Other Side Of The Grave,” from Luke 16:19-31, will be Bro. Bobby McGee’s message at Grace Baptist Church.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

“The Story” continues at First Christian Church with David’s unexpected call from God to become King of Israel, from 1 Samuel 16.

Church of Christ

The 9 a.m. Sunday class at Bell Buckle Church of Christ will be “Who Is ‘The Suffering Servant’?” from Isaiah 52. “Love’s Extravagance 2” from Mark 14 will be the 10 a.m. sermon and “I See Invisible Things” from Hebrews 1 is the scheduled 5 p.m. sermon.

Fairfield Church of Christ will hold a gospel meeting July 17-20. Barry Grider will speak on “Standing on the Promises of God.” Sunday school at 9 a.m. will be followed by services at 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday.

The sermon Sunday at Fairlane Church of Christ will be “Just a Moment” from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, part of the “Family on the Movie,” series. Services are livestreamed and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

The series on “The Superior Teachings of Christ” continues at 10 a.m. Sunday at Southside Church of Christ with the lesson “Jesus, the Kingdom & Individuals” from Matthew 15:7-9. Prayer and parents’ groups meet at 6 p.m. Sunday. Jim Gibson will speak on “Fellowship Which Prays for One Another” at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday as part of the Summer Series. Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

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

Multi-denominational

The churches of Normandy will hold a Community Worship and Lunch under a tent on Front Street in Normandy on Sunday, July 17, at 10 a.m. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

Non-Denominational

The Shelbyville Church, 1014 W. Lane St., will host a singing with the Southridge Singers on Saturday, July 16, at 6 p.m.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church’s Vacation Bible School will be July 17-21 from 5-8:30 p.m.

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Summer reading program nears finale

Staff Report

With some “piratical” songs of life on the ocean, Tom Mason and the Blue Buccaneers entertained some kindergarten through 5th grade students on Wednesday as part of Shelbyville-Bedford Public Library’s summer reading program.

Mason’s band of Nashville musicians dress like pirates and play a “rollicking mix of sing-alongs, rousing historical rave-ups, afro-cuban tinged ballads, Cajun sea shanties, and bluesy Irish jigs, transforming big festivals and performing arts centers into bustling seaside taverns at the turn of the seventeenth century.”

Wednesday, July 20, is the library’s Summer Reading finale. The event will be for all ages and will begin at 10:30 a.m., at Shelbyville-Bedford Public Library, 220 South Jefferson St.



Tennessee school voucher program to start immediately

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced Wednesday that his administration will immediately begin rolling out his long-blocked school voucher program after a judge lifted an injunction that had prevented it from being implemented.

“Starting today, we will work to help eligible parents enroll this school year, as we ensure Tennessee families have the opportunity to choose the school that they believe is best for their

child,” Lee, a Republican, said in a statement.

Lee added that the Tennessee Department of Education will “make ESA resources available online” in the coming days.

Wednesday’s decision comes as Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey signed one of the most comprehensive school voucher systems in the country just last week. Under that program, every parent in Arizona would be able to take public money and use it for their chil-

dren’s private school tuition or other education costs.

Meanwhile, a West Virginia voucher program that would have incentivized families to pull their children out of K-12 public schools was recently struck down. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has since said he plans to appeal the decision

in support of one of the most far-reaching school choice programs in the country.

In Tennessee, the program is considered more modest. Known as education savings accounts, eligible families would be allowed to use up to approximately \$7,000 in public tax dollars on private

schooling tuition and other pre-approved expenses. The goal was to enroll up to 5,000 students the first year, potentially reaching as many as 15,000 students in its fifth year.

Just hours prior to Lee’s announcement the voucher program would be implemented this year, the state’s attorneys told a panel of

judges that “decisions haven’t been made.”

Stephanie Bergmeyer of the attorney general’s office said that some of the deadlines would be based on the participating schools and when they would require a student to apply and for their seat to be accepted.



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The 2nd annual American Mule and Bluegrass Festival will be kicking off Sept. 27 through Oct. 2 at the Calsonic Arena. There will be crafts, food, bluegrass, and, of course, mules. This is a charity event and will be benefiting Freedom Sings USA, a nonprofit that helps veterans, military personnel, and their families reach emotional balance by telling their stories through creative songwriting. \$15 daily ticket will be available at the gate, while for a limited time only tickets for all three days will be \$33. Kids under 6 years of age and veterans with service ID get in free. Ready for the American Mule and Bluegrass Festival, from left, Linda Nichols, First Community Bank; Scott Johnson, Vice Chairman of the Celebration board; Sylvia Pinson, AMBF Committee Member; Jeff Blackwell, Nationwide Waste Management; Danny Davis, AMBF Wagon Train Master; Warren Wells, TWHNC CEO; Benny Pulley, WLJ radio; Marty Ray Gordon, AMBF chairman; Libbie Tenpenny Whitson, AMBF Supporter; Mike Ruess, Bedford County Veterans Service Office; Chad Graham, Bedford County Mayor; Jerry and Janice Higgins, AMBF Staff members; Kayla Hilliard, First Community Bank; Aaron Hudson, AMBF Vice Chairman; David Bradford, Heritage Realty company; Gabriel the Mule; Jeff Hicks, Heritage Realty Company.

Retail sales up 1% in June, easing fears of a recession

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumers picked up their spending from May to June, underscoring their resilience despite painfully higher prices at the gas pump and in grocery aisles and allaying fears that the economy might be on the verge of a recession. U.S. retail sales rose 1% in June, from a revised decline of 0.1% in May, the Commerce Department said Friday. The figures aren't adjusted for inflation and so largely reflect higher prices, particularly for gas. But they also show that consumers are still providing crucial support for the economy and spending on such discretionary items as furniture, restaurant meals and sporting goods. At the same time, last month's spending gain is modest enough that it likely won't encourage the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates even more aggressively. Stock prices rose after the report's

release. "People did not fold in the face of the Ukraine shock and the subsequent surge in food and energy prices," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. "Instead, they ran down a small part of their pandemic savings in order to keep up their discretionary spending." Consumers still have significant savings, on average, bolstered by pandemic-era government relief checks and strong hiring and pay gains. JPMorgan executives said Thursday that their customers are still breaking out their credit and debit cards at a healthy pace. Kathy Bostjancic, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics, said that excluding inflation, retail sales still rose about 0.3% in June, up from a contraction of 0.4% in May. She expects the economy to grow at a slim 0.5% annual rate in the April-June quarter, after shrinking in the first three

months of the year. The report showed consumers' ongoing appetite for non-essentials like gadgets and furniture. In fact, sales at furniture stores rose 1.4%, while consumer electronics stores rose 0.4%. Online sales showed resurgence, posting a 2.2% increase. Business at restaurants was up 1%. But department stores took a hit, posting a 2.6% decline. The solid figures bode well for the back-to-school shopping season, the second largest sales period behind the winter holidays. Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks spending across all payment forms including cash, forecasts that back-to-school spending will be up 7.5% from July 14 through Sept. 5 compared with the year-ago period when sales rose 11%. But spending is volatile. The latest round of retail earnings reports published in May showed some slowing of spending, par-

ticularly with low income shoppers. RH, an upscale furniture chain, cut its sales outlook for the year last month, pointing to deteriorating macro-economic conditions. It pointed to higher mortgage rates, which are slowing sales of luxury homes, indicating that even wealthy shoppers are pulling back. Nevertheless, the overall solid spending came even as shoppers were confronted with high prices in all areas. U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Fed to raise rates aggressively — trends that raise the risk of a recession. The government's consumer price index soared 9.1% in June compared with a year ago, the biggest yearly increase since 1981, with nearly half of the increase due to higher energy costs. The year-over-year leap in consumer

prices last month followed an 8.6% annual jump in May. From May to June, prices rose 1.3%, following a 1% increase from April to May. Some economists believe inflation might be reaching a short-term peak. Gas prices, for example, have fallen from \$5 a gallon reached in mid-June to an average of \$4.57 nationwide Thursday — still far higher than a year ago. Accelerating inflation is a big problem for the Fed, too. The central bank is already involved in the fastest series of interest rate hikes in three decades, which it hopes will tame inflation by tamping down borrowing and spending by consumers and businesses. The retail sales report covers about a third of overall consumer spending and doesn't include services, such as haircuts, hotel stays and plane tickets.

Stocks rise on Wall Street, but remain down for the week

By DAMIAN J. TROISE
AP Business Writer
NEW YORK — Stocks rose in afternoon trading on Wall Street Friday following an encouraging report on consumer sentiment and inflation expectations. A July survey from the University of Michigan showed that inflation expectations have held steady or improved, along with general consumer sentiment. It was a welcome update following several government reports this week that showed consumer prices remained extremely hot in June, along with wholesale prices for businesses. The report also bodes well for investors looking for signs that the Federal Reserve might eventually ease off its aggressive policy to fight inflation. The S&P 500 rose 1.6% as of

early afternoon. The gains still weren't enough to pull stocks out of the red for the week and the benchmark index is still headed for a 1.2% drop. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 547 points, or 1.7%, to 31,177 and the Nasdaq rose 1.3%. Banks and healthcare companies made some of the biggest gains. UnitedHealth Group rose 5.2% after raising its profit forecast for the year following a strong earnings report. Citigroup rose 10.7% after reporting encouraging financial results. Bond yields fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped to 2.91% from 2.96% late Thursday. The yield on the two-year Treasury, which had been rising prior to the release of the latest report on consumer sentiment,

fell to 3.10% from 3.13% late Thursday. Inflation and its impact on businesses and consumers remains a key focus for Wall Street. The Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates in an effort to hit the brakes on economic growth, and curtail rising inflation. The Fed has already raised rates three times this year. Wall Street has been worried that the Fed could go too far in raising rates and actually bring on a recession. Investors have been closely watching economic reports for clues as to how the central bank might react and the latest upbeat consumer sentiment report raises the chance of the Fed softening its current policy. Investors are worried that the Fed could raise interest rates too aggressively and hit the brakes

on economic growth so hard that it brings on a recession. Easing up on rate increases could reduce that risk. Traders have eased off of their bets that the Fed will issue a monster rate hike of 1% at its next policy meeting in two weeks. They now see a 28.5% chance of that happening, according to CME Group. That's down significantly from Thursday. They now see a 71.5% chance of a three-quarters of a percentage point rate hike. Economic data also shows that retail sales remain strong. A government report showed that retail sales rose 1% in June from May, topping economists' expectations, while prices for everything from food to clothing rose. Overseas, stocks in Hong Kong and Shanghai fell following a report that showed the Chinese

economy shrank by 2.6% compared with the January-March period's already weak quarter-on-quarter rate of 1.4%. China locked down major cities earlier this year to try and contain COVID-19 cases and more outbreaks this week in China and elsewhere in Asia have raised worries that COVID-19 controls might be restored, on top of existing precautions. Investors have been reviewing the latest batch of corporate earnings to gain a clearer picture of inflation's impact on businesses. Banks kicked things off with mixed results this week. Several big companies are on deck for next week, including Johnson & Johnson, Netflix, United Airlines and Twitter.

Democrat says Manchin blocking energy, tax provisions in big bill

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Manchin has said he'll oppose an economic measure he's been negotiating with Democratic leaders if it includes climate or energy provisions or higher taxes on the rich and corporations, a Democrat briefed on the conversations said late Thursday, delivering a stunning blow to one of the party's top election-year priorities. The official said Manchin told Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., on Thursday that he will only support a new measure if it is limited to curbing pharmaceutical prices and extending federal subsidies for buying health care coverage.

Manchin abruptly derailed his party's bigger and wider-ranging social and environment package last December after months of negotiations and after the measure had already passed the House. Manchin's demands leave the future of the latest measure unclear, seemingly upending the hopes of President Joe Biden and Democratic leaders for a more sweeping package they could push through Congress by August. That would have let them show Democratic voters that they were addressing a range of party priorities like curbing climate change and taxing the rich and draw a contrast with Republicans, who are expected to oppose the legislation unanimously.

However, containing the costs of prescription drugs and extending subsidies for people buying health insurance under former President Barack Obama's 2010 health care law are also top Democratic priorities. Manchin's stance puts his priority in the position of having to decide whether it should reluctantly declare victory by solely addressing some of its health care goals, as opposed to demanding more but potentially ending up with nothing. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated that provisions Democrats have already agreed to curbing prescription drug costs — like letting Medicare negotiate prices for pharmaceuticals it buys — would

save \$288 billion over the coming decade. That would be more than enough to pay for extending government subsidies for people who buy private healthcare coverage, assistance that expires in January. Manchin spokesperson Sam Runyon issued a statement that reiterated the senator's assertions that he did not want any measure that emerged to worsen inflation. The government reported this week that consumer costs last month grew by an annual level of 9.1%, the highest figure in four decades. "Political headlines are of no value to the millions of Americans struggling to afford groceries and

gas as inflation soars to 9.1%," Runyon said. "Senator Manchin believes it's time for leaders to put political agendas aside, reevaluate and adjust to the economic realities the country faces to avoid taking steps that add fuel to the inflation fire." Manchin signaled uneasiness with the negotiations on Wednesday, saying the latest inflation figures left him feeling "more cautious than I've ever been" about agreeing to a package that could fuel further price increases. The official who described the talks was not authorized to discuss the negotiations publicly and spoke on negotiation of anonymity.



Shelley Jones



'Grace' isn't just for ballerinas Shelley Jones gives SWC devotion

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Shelbyville Woman's Club conducted its July meeting at River Bend Country Club on Wednesday. Presenting the monthly devotion was Shelley Jones.

Shelley stayed within the woman's club theme for 2022, naming her devotional simply, "grace." She said when she was thinking about the word "grace," it came to her mind how the word can be a "funny thing," that is, sometimes you know "what it is and sometimes you don't."

She used her sister as an example. She discussed how her sister explained to her how you don't just

receive "grace," you have to "earn it." Not satisfied with that concept, she then looked up the word "grace" for herself.

She discovered there are several definitions. Ironically, she said her nickname as a child became "grace," because, ironically, she was known to fall a lot.

That would not be the source of her talk that day, she said with a laugh. Instead, she opted to talk about the Christian connotation of "grace."

"Grace-fulness of a ballerina is not the meaning we look for. It's the meaning of: when life is hard and you make wrong choices . . . need a little forgive-

ness. Instead you want the grace God, or someone else . . . by not giving you the treatment you deserve after doing something wrong."

Shelley advised the group of women how "grace" means forgiveness, mercy and love. She said grace is especially the "extended patience" that all need from time to time.

She quoted theologian Benjamin Warfield who said, "Grace is free sovereign favor to the ill-deserving."

She referred to Romans 23:24 in the Bible [KJV], which states: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption

that is in Christ Jesus: . . ." Shelley told the SWC members that 100 percent of people are unworthy of God's grace and are "sinners." "But yet, we receive God's Grace and are given a chance at eternal life," she further explained.

It can't be bought or earned, she further advised. It would cease to be grace, otherwise, she said.

"As Christians, we're to emulate Christ. Show someone around you this next week some grace."

She offered a prayer of thanks before the club enjoyed a meal of taco salad and chocolate meringue pie, prepared and served by the River Bend staff.



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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Wearing the right shoes

Someone once said, "A good day starts with the perfect shoes."

And as a Pastor, I'm the type of person who tries to put myself in everybody else's shoes.

I need to remember that we all have the same dirt under our shoes as everybody else.

And, as I try to put myself in others people's shoes, I need to remember that if something hurts me, it probably hurts that other person as well.

Speaking of shoes, Oprah Winfrey, referring to her humble beginnings said, "I still have my feet on the ground, I just wear better shoes!"

Supposedly Marilyn Monroe said, "Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world."

Oprah, and Marilyn before her, love their shoes.

The right pair of shoes can change your life. Take Cinderella for instance; she had a pair of glass slippers that she wore to a ball, then she lost one, but Cinderella, a Prince.

Dorothy inherited a pair of ruby red slippers in the Land of Oz, and they brought her back home to Kansas.

Elvis danced and sang around the stage in a pair of blue, blue, blue suede shoes. And that changed that Mississippi boy's life.

Fred Astaire danced into the hearts of people around the world in his fancy tap shoes.

Former first lady of the Philippines, and "billionaire-on-other-people's-money," Imelda Marcos, had amassed over 3,000 pairs of shoes, and thought she was on-top-of-the world.

She is still alive, and at 93 is a convicted felon. I suppose she believed Marilyn Monroe, "Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world."

But, Marilyn died sad and penniless, without shoes on her feet.

Somebody, somewhere said, "To be happy, it first takes being comfortable in your own shoes."

Years ago, I stopped by a shoe store, and I saw a poster that read, "Life is short buy the boots."

So I bought a pair of beautiful ostrich skin boots.

Ohhhh! Those boots were made for my feet, and they fit like a glove... I mean "they fit like a boot."

Nancy Sinatra sang "these boots are made for walking," but mine were made for strutting!

And then one day our adopted puppy chewed the ostrich skin right off those beautiful boots.

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let's go!
COUNTY FAIR



THE 'FAIREST'

A queen must have a court. Placing in the recent Fairest of the Fair pageant were: first runner up, Sara Beth Stacy, who attends Columbia State (right of queen); second runner up, Zoey Dixon, a Community High student (left of queen); 3rd runner up, (far left) Savannah Butler, a student at Shelbyville Central. Most photogenic was presented to Moore County High student, Trinity Merrell.



Payton Davis, age 20, was crowned Fairest of the Fair 2022 Queen during festivities Saturday night. The daughter of Robbie Davis and Ladonna Childress, she is a licensed cosmetologist.

Bedford County Fair is July 18-23. Representing her community throughout the week at activities will be newly crowned Fairest of the Fair Queen Payton Davis.

The Fairest of the Fair contest was held last Saturday night. First runner up was Sara Beth Stacy; second runner up was Zoey Dixon; 3rd runner up was Savannah Butler. Most photogenic during the pageant went to Trinity Merrell.

Payton will go on to represent Bedford County at the state level. She will be attending events throughout the county within the next year.

Here comes the fair!

Several activities are planned for the 2022 county fair, which runs Monday, July 18 through Saturday, July 23. This year is a patriotic theme. So grab your favorite hat and come on out. By the way, the "Hat Night" contest is Tuesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night is free night for all military service. A military ID will be required to enter free.

Senior Citizens' Day is also on Wednesday.



IT TAKES CONFIDENCE

Payton Davis, age 20, models a flowing, red, formal gown during last Saturday night's Fairest of the Fair Pageant. Such confidence on stage led to her being chosen as queen.

Admission is \$5 per person on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. There is a \$10 admission charge for Thursday. Children 6 and under are admitted free.

The truck and tractor pull is at 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 21.

Carnival rides will be open Tuesday through



MOST PHOTOGENIC

Trinity Merrell, a 17-year-old student at Moore County High School, was selected as "Most Photogenic" during the recent Bedford County Fairest of the Fair Pageant. She is the daughter of Amanda Merrell and Marcus Merrell.

Friday at 6 p.m. Saturday rides open at 3 p.m. There will be helicopter rides each night.

"Special Needs Day" will be observed on Thursday, July 21, from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Fair things to do

Home ec/Ag exhibits will be received for

Bedford County Fair on Sunday, July 17, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Green Thumb Challenge entries will be received at 1 p.m., on Sunday. Judging will take place at 2 p.m.

Hat contest entries will be received from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, July 17.

Tennessee Backroads program going strong



THANK YOU

During the recent Tennessee Backroads Heritage dinner and program, guest speaker Charles Denney received thank yous from Dianne Murray, left, Backroads Heritage executive director and Barbara Blanton, Backroads board president. See more photos and story on page 3B.

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Family and Community Education Club Reports

Four Corners FCE

The June meeting of Four Corners was called to order by President Linda Mathews. Devotion was also given by Mathews. Extension Agent Whitney Danhof gave a very interesting educational lesson on tomatoes and tomato serving pieces. Minutes were read by Rhett Wilson and the treasurer's report by Louise Armstrong. Volunteers signed up to hostess at the Bedford County Fair July 18-23. Mathews gave a club member demonstration of 66 hand-knitted hats that she will donate to all local elementary schools this winter!

Bedford FCE County Council

Bedford FCE County Council met on July 1 at the Extension Office with president Betty Brown calling the meeting to order. Devotion was given by Mary Frances Gordon.

Twelve members answered the roll call representing all eight clubs. Minutes were read by Connie Smith and treasurers report presented by Charlene Judd.

Gordon reported that two people had turned in CVU hours for this year. Judd gave information about regional meeting coming up in September. Registration is due Sept. 1.

Eleven members attended FCE Leadership Camp at UT Southern in Pulaski. Judd and Smith shared their experiences and crafts with the council members.

Extension Agent Whitney Danhof reported that State convention will be Nov. 13-16. All items for the gift shop are due Oct. 1. Danhof will continue to meet with all clubs for the remainder of the year.

The Taste and Tell Luncheon and the next County Council meeting are at noon, Oct. 7, at the Extension Office.

Fairview FCE

Fairview FCE met Wednesday, June 15, at the UT/TSU Extension Office in Shelbyville. President Cindy Parker opened the meeting.

Marilyn Lewis read the Call To Order, "Our Beautiful Flag." Betty Brown had the devotion and read "In Flanders Fields" and passed out poppies to everyone in attendance.

Thirteen members answered the roll call by answering, "What is your favorite way to use a tomato?" Donna Allen was present as a guest.

Extension Agent Whitney Danhof presented an educational lesson, "Tomayto, Tomahto" which gave information concerning growing, preserving, and cooking with tomatoes.

Reminders were discussed. The County Council Meeting will be held on July 1, 10:00 a.m., at the extension office. Regional officer nominations are due July 1 to Louise Armstrong.

Bedford County Fair will be held July 18-23. Members signed up for helping with entries and as hostesses during the fair.

Club member demonstrations included a cross stitch piece from Thailand by Marilyn Lewis and Triple Berry Jam by Mary Frances Gordon.

The meeting was adjourned by Cindy.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will consist of observing the Quilts of Valor at the Styer House, followed by lunch at Urban Plantation.

Parents need those family moments

Moms and Dads wear many hats every day. That's especially true for families juggling families and careers. Chauffeur, negotiator, advocate, moderator, parent, spouse and employee are just some of the titles that apply to parents today.

Data from the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Census Bureau indicate women represent nearly half of the United States workforce, but women still devote more time than men to housework and child care.

OK, the Labor Department said that, we didn't.

The workforce has changed in many ways, particularly by the number of employers who have adopted family-friendly policies or pivoted to remote working during the COVID-19 pandemic. That means working moms have even greater leverage to find a balance that works for their unique situations. These tips can help moms and dads free up more time for what's most meaningful to them.

- Employ time-saving strategies. Embrace ways to save time during the day. Order groceries online during a lunch break and pick them up curbside after work. Pool resources with a neighbor to cover school transportation if busing is not provided. Schedule conference calls during commutes so they don't eat into the rest of the day.

- Define your priorities. Think about what cannot be compromised or negotiated. Maybe that is being home at a particular time each day so the family enjoys dinner together. Get clear ideas of what you value most so you can build plans around those priorities.

- Take vacation time. Make it a point to use all vacation time, coordinating days off to coincide with family members' days off. Family vacations offer the best shots at uninterrupted, enjoyable time together. They should be ranked highly and scheduled early to ensure travel is possible.

- Use technology to stay connected. There are times when the family may not be able to gather in person. This became evident at the start of the pandemic, when social distancing and isolation became a cautionary tactic to prevent disease proliferation. If the kids are missing you or you are missing the kids at any time during the day, a video chat can be just what everyone needs to feel better.

- Outsource housework and chores with smart ideas. If there's a budget, hire a housekeeper to come in weekly to tame messes around the house.

- Family calendar apps can serve as personal assistants to keep track of family appointments. Clothing subscription boxes save time and provide a way to have carefully curated outfits shipped right to your home. A robot vacuum can tame dog fur on the rug while you are working in a home office.

These ideas can free up additional time to spend with the family. Parents can employ strategies to ensure ample time can be devoted to the ones they love.

Eastview Baptist receives full-time pastor

Rosson continues to serve

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Local pastor Mark Rosson's life clearly demonstrates service. He's served his country, worked with veterans and shared The Word of God as a Baptist pastor.

Having served Eastview Baptist on South Fair Oak Street the last 3 years, Rosson is now moving from part-time to full-time service. After retiring from public employment, he's ready now, he said, to spend more time at church and in this community.

Church members like Cindy Meeks are certainly happy about Rosson's decision. She said the congregation has grown to appreciate his family over the last 3 years.

Meeks herself has been a part of Eastview since high school, so she has served in just about every capacity. She said it will be nice to have the pastor at the church, everyday.

"We worked it out in the budget to keep him full-time," the church treasurer explains.

Rosson is retired from the U.S. Air Force, giving 20 years of his life to service for his country. He was recently presented with a Quilt of Valor by Amy Martin, a local QOV representative.

"It's an honor to serve my fellow veterans and I will think of them each time I use the quilt," said Rosson.

Quilts of Valor is a national program, having "wrapped" over 200,000 veterans to date. It is a way that one veteran's mom wanted to show appreciation for those serving their country. The quilts are handmade in the QOV program.

In addition to church service, Rosson spent 19 years of his life working as a patient advocate at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Murfreesboro. Rosson and wife, Jenny, reside in Murfreesboro; they have 3 grown children.

He invites others to join them at Eastview. The congregation believes its church is a "friendly place to visit."

Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m., on Sundays. Sunday morning worship begins at 10:30. Wednesday Bible study is at 6 p.m. All Eastview services are broadcast on FM 87.9.

For more information about the church, visit www.eastview-baptist.com.

PASTOR RECEIVES QOV



Submitted Photo
Eastview Baptist pastor Mark Rosson was recently presented a Quilt of Valor for his 20 years of military service with the U.S. Air Force.



Enjoying your home this summer

A minimalist approach these days creates clean designs in local homes and their landscapes.

Seven characteristics of modern homes

Homes contain a variety of components that appeal to homeowners with different ideas about the perfect place to call home. That starts with the style of a home.

Buildings are classified according to share components. A Craftsman style home will have a covered porch with a set of wide base columns, while a Cape Cod home is often defined by a gabled roof and dormer windows. Modern houses, which are sometimes called contemporary homes even though the terms are not interchangeable, will have their own sets of unique characteristics. Here's a look at seven features that make modern homes unique.

1. Minimalist approach: Contemporary and modern homes both employ an approach that leans toward minimalism, including clean design lines. Spaces are open and airy without the clutter of too many

Many homes these days include outdoor spaces which extend comfort.

ornate architectural details. While modern homes may have some curvature to their design, contemporary ones are all about an angular look.

2. Neutral color palette: Modern homes tend to utilize a neutral color palette. Modern homes may use "earthy" elements, such as wood and brick, in ways that do not look rustic. Contemporary homes rely on a color palette of black and white with shades of gray or other neutral colors.

3. Geometric shapes: Modern homes have strong horizontal and vertical elements that showcase geometric shapes in their designs. Contemporary homes often have flat

roofs, while modern homes may not.

4. Large, unadorned windows: Most modern homes showcase a lot of natural light by utilizing large windows that are not covered up by heavy window treatments or elements like shutters and thick trims. Large windows are the focus of the interior and shift attention to the view outdoors.

5. Open floor concept: A hallmark of modern interior design, the open concept floor plan removes many of the walls that tend to separate common areas of a home. This helps to foster the spread of natural light and maintains the emphasis on simplicity of design.

6. Smart elements: Thanks to the proliferation of smart technology, smart homes are cropping up with greater frequency. While smart devices can be included in any home style, they tend to feel like they were designed specifically for modern homes. In a similar vein, modern homes may include environmentally friendly elements, such as solar panels, up-cycled materials, added insulation, and energy efficient lighting.

7. Updated kitchen spaces: The clean lines and attention to technology and open space generally extends to modern kitchens. Modern kitchens tend to feature efficient, top-tier appliances with additional storage and space amenities that keep the room from feeling cluttered.

While some may consider modern homes austere, many others are right at home among their clean lines and airy spaces.

Our Wedding Policy ...

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be filled out and submitted from our web site at www.t-g.com. Wedding and engagement announcements may also be submitted to our office in person, or by e-mailing tgnews@t-g.com.



The 2022 board members for Tennessee's Backroads Heritage are, from left, Carolyn Duke, Blossom Merryman, Judy Gambill, Kay Howard, president Barbara Blanton, Mark McGee and Walt Chism. In the foreground is Dianne Murray, executive director. Board member Jason Boashears was absent.



Charles Denney, videographer, producer and writer in marketing and communications for the University of Tennessee Institute in Knoxville, provided an entertaining talk on his work, the institute and agriculture in the state at a recent Backroads Heritage Dinner.

Guests at the Tennessee's Backroads Heritage Dinner enjoyed a buffet provided by the Bell Buckle Cafe at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall. The menu included chicken and dressing, barbecue, mashed potatoes, baked beans, broccoli salad, rolls and cobbler with ice cream. Popular artist Dianne Murray, producer and writer for marketing and communications for the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, welcomed Nashville artist Darlene Shadden, standing, to the dinner.



Submitted photos



Barbara Blanton, left, board president for Tennessee's Backroads Heritage, presented a gift basket of Tennessee Walking Horse items provided by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association to Jennifer and Charles Denney.

Tennessee Backroads Heritage hosts dinner

Ag marketing producer Denney is speaker

By MARK MCGEE
Special to the T-G

When you have filmed more than 1,300 videos it is hard to come up with a favorite or two. But Charles Denney, videographer, producer and writer for marketing and communications for the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, has a couple he remembers fondly.

"About 6 months into the pandemic in October of 2020 if there was a gathering of more than 50 people you had to get approval," Denney said. "Tim Cross, our senior vice president, had a report that came across his desk that the extension office in Carter County wanted to use a drive-in theater to present programs for farmers.

"My boss [Cross] said that is really clever and would make a great story. I went up there one night in October and they were showing a horror movie on one screen and beef cattle nutrition was on the other screen."

Halloween is a special time for Denney as he seeks out ghost stories dealing



with agriculture. "We have had a blast doing those over the years," he said. "Every building at UT is supposed to be haunted, but I have never seen any ghosts and I have worked there for 23 years."

Denney shared those memories as well as an overview of the UT Institute of Agriculture and some surprising statistics about farming in Tennessee with attendees at the Tennessee's Backroads Heritage Dinner Friday night at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall. He was introduced by Tennessee's Backroads Heritage board president Barbara Blanton.

Surprising figures

"You think we are los-

ing land, when actually we are losing people in Tennessee," Denney said. "In 2007, there were 10.9 million acres in farmland. In 2017, there were 10.8 million acres in farmland."

Over the same period the number of full-time producers/operators of farms shrunk by almost 10,000 from 79,280 to 69,983.

"And that was before the pandemic hit," Denney said. "I know personally of producers who have passed away from COVID. Farmers are retiring, some are passing away and some are quitting."

He pointed out Tennessee has 70,000 farms of varying sizes ranking the state eighth nationally. Forty percent of the 10.8 million acres is agriculture/forestry.

Agriculture has an \$81 billion impact in the state with 342,000 Tennesseans earning money from agriculture.

Farmers are having to produce more on their acreage to make up for the loss of producers and to also keep up with the cost of running a farm.

Mega farms, such as the

Verell Farms in Jackson, Tennessee, are becoming a bigger factor in production. "Johnny Verell is farming 8,000 acres," Denney said. "I am sure his dad and granddad didn't farm 8,000 acres. He has to cover his input costs like seed and fertilizer. Commodity prices are going up, but the input costs are increasing. A cotton picker costs \$500,000."

He adds, "Johnny grows soybeans, cotton, wheat and corn. It is a game of scale. These guys have to farm a huge number of acres to be cost effective. You either farm big or you don't farm at all."

"The average age of farmers in the state starts with a six," Denney said. "What happens if we don't replace that guy? Who is going to grow our food? Where is the next generation of farmers going to come from?"

The costs of land is prohibitive which makes it difficult for someone who graduates from college to go right into farming unless they have family farms or are able to rent acreage.

Denney's background

Among the guests at the dinner were Denney's wife, Jennifer, and his children, Sam and Meredith.

Denney has also worked in TV news and law enforcement media relations. He has acted in two dozen crime re-creation TV shows. When he isn't working, he is an avid golfer with three holes in one and an all-time low score of 70. His videos can be seen locally on WTVF-TV (Channel 5.)

He also plays tennis where he got the opportunity this year to play against a couple of Lady Vols tennis players on a grass court developed on campus by the agricultural department.

"You don't see many grass courts outside of Wimbledon," Denney said. "That was another great story for me."

Future of farming

He closed his talk with predictions for the future. In 2050, it is estimated there will be 9 billion people in the world.

The keys Denney

has discovered through his work are the need to increase yields and to grow better crops on less desirable land. He points out some farms have expanded into "agri-entertainment and agri-tourism" to be more efficient and keep their farms going.

With the war in Ukraine, Denney explained we are already seeing an economic impact. "Ukraine is Europe's breadbasket," Denney said. "It is hard to grow grain when you are being bombed."

He added, "Russia is one of the largest agricultural producers in the world. It is also the No.1 producer of fertilizer. It is a global conflict thousands of miles away, but it is impacting agriculture in Tennessee."

Climate change issues also have to be dealt with as farmers deal with too much rain and not enough. Denney said researchers at UT are working on answers to meet these challenges such as seeds that can thrive in drought conditions.

"This is the most important industry in the world," Denney said. "We can't live without food."

Doug

(Continued from Page 1)

In anger I threatened to make a pair of boots from that dog's hide. So, to save that dog's life (and hide), my dear wife found that ostrich-eater a new home.

Now, many boots and shoes later... I have granddaughters.

My granddaughters love their shoes too; the fancier the better.

We can't keep shoes on Kori and Jojo's feet though. They are usually running around barefoot, indoors and outdoors. And on their tiptoes. I guess they're practicing for those 5 inch, stiletto-heeled fancy "glass-slippers" later in life, which they'll use to snag their handsome Prince.

I have always liked a good pair of shoes.

I have numerous black pairs; brown and tan pairs; gray pairs; blue ones; orange ones; and I even have a pair of multi-colored Reebok running shoes.

I am not a runner, but I sure do like those shoes; comfortable to the extreme; and colorful.

When Jojo has to go out of the house and has to wear shoes, she has shoes that light up and blink every time she takes a step.

She love those fancy shoes, and she'll keep those shoes on her feet longer than any others.

Shoes come in all kinds of styles.

I was almost run over one day by a boy at Walmart who had wheels in the heels of his shoes.

He came whizzing by me, much to his mother's chagrin. She apologized profusely for her son with the zooming footwear.

I thought for just a few fleeting seconds, "I wonder if I can find those shoes in my size?"

In the movie, Forrest Gump, Forrest explains to his girlfriend, Jenny, about his special footwear that was developed for him by a doctor to correct his curvature of the spine and his pronounced limp.

Forrest said, "Mama says they was my magic shoes; they'd take me anywhere."

And that sure did happen for Forrest. He traveled around the world.

As a preacher, the footwear that I'm most concerned about is what the Apostle Paul refers to in Ephesians 6:15, as "having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

In Isaiah 52:7, the prophet said, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring

good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

As a preacher, it is my responsibility, my privilege, and my honor to tell people about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And as long as I have on a good pair of shoes I have "beautiful feet."

One of my granddaughters' and my favorite movies is an animated delight called "Happy Feet," in which the Emperor penguins find their life companions by singing.

One of the young penguins, a male by the name of Mumble, is not much of a singer, but he is quite the tap dancer.

And of course, Mumble won the heart of a sweet little penguin girl with those "happy feet."

The girls and I loved

to watch Mumble dance with his "happy feet," and I loved to watch my girls dance along with him.

When I stand in the pulpit, there are many times that I develop "happy feet," too.

Sometimes I feel like "cutting a rug" and dancing across the platform with my beautiful feet.

But, much to my wife's relief, I generally contain myself. My feet, knees, and back ain't what they used to be,

But, my inner happy feet are dancing up a storm.

My feet are not as nimble as they once were, and I now wear shoes more for comfort than for flash.

One of the common benedictions I share at the close of a service goes something like this, "Lord, here are our mouths, speak through them; here are our hands, touch through them;

Lord, here are our feet, move through them. Use us to reach our world."

Austin O'Malley said, "Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers."

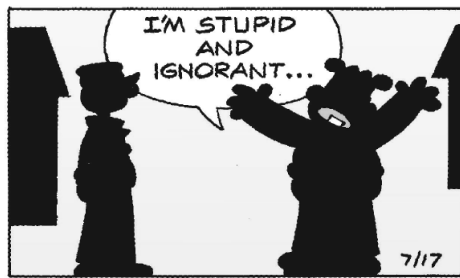
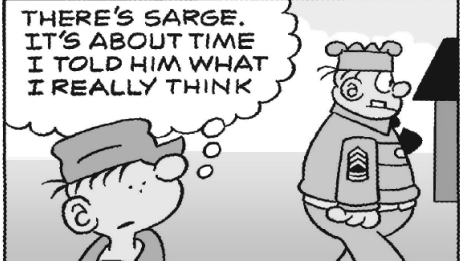
I believe that we need to put our prayers for the World into action. First pray it, then, put on your shoes and do it.

Our beautiful feet need to be happy feet. And we need to put on our shoes and go!

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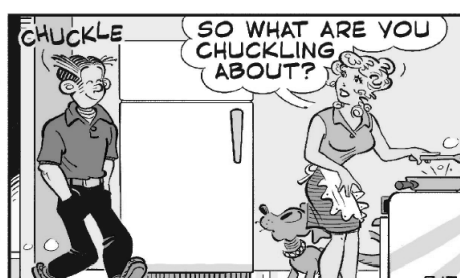
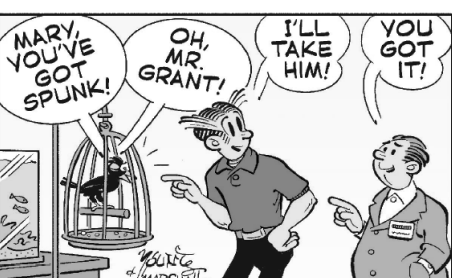
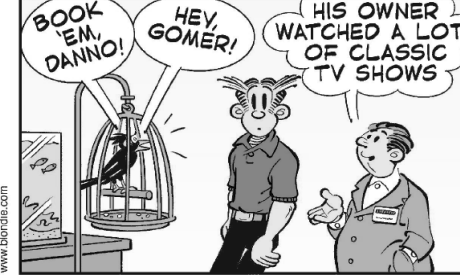
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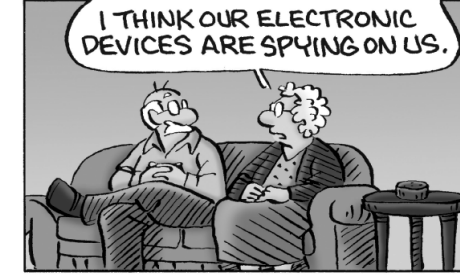
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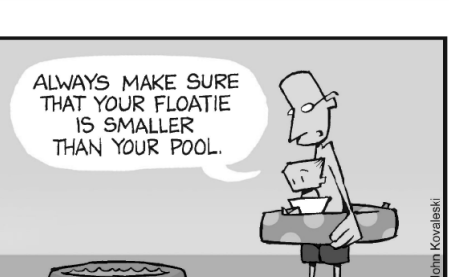


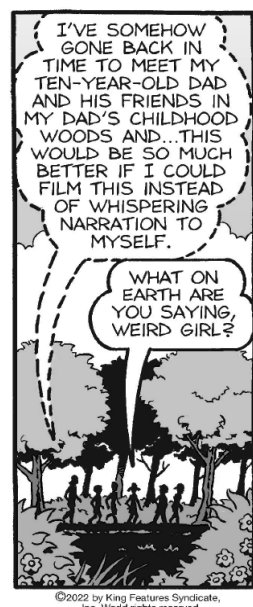
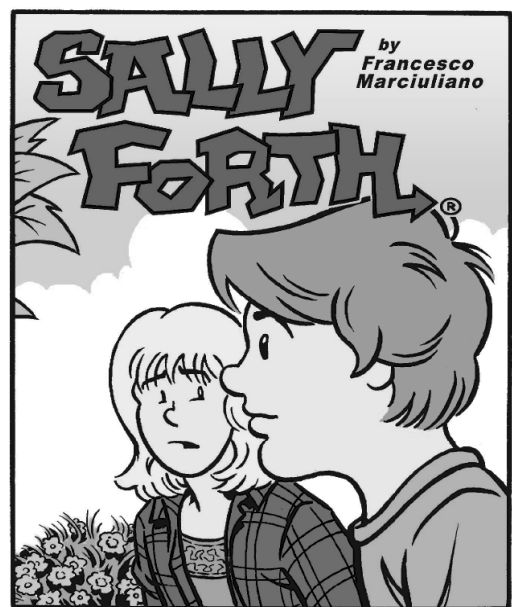
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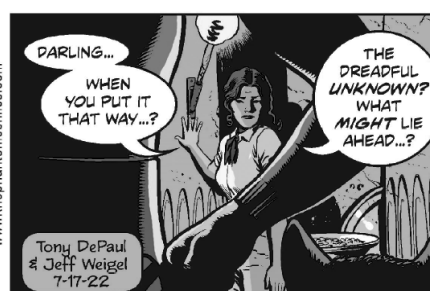
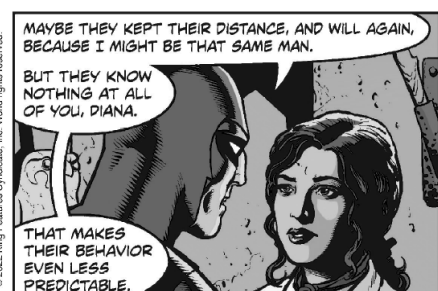
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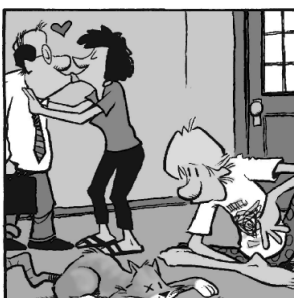


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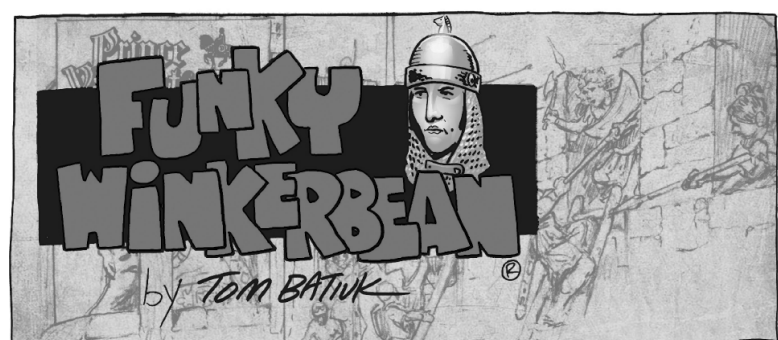
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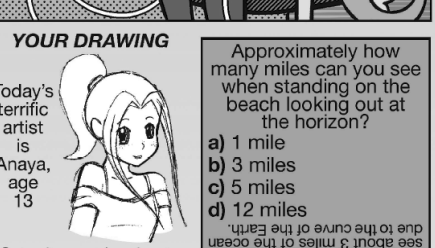
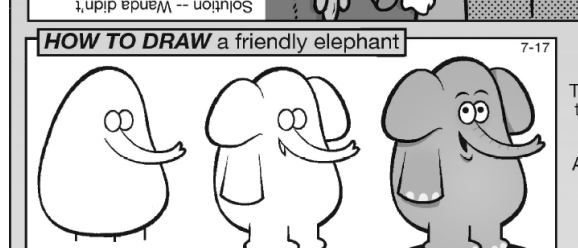
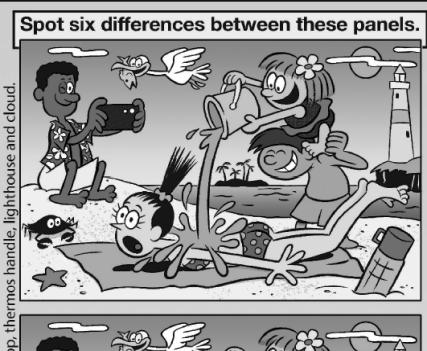
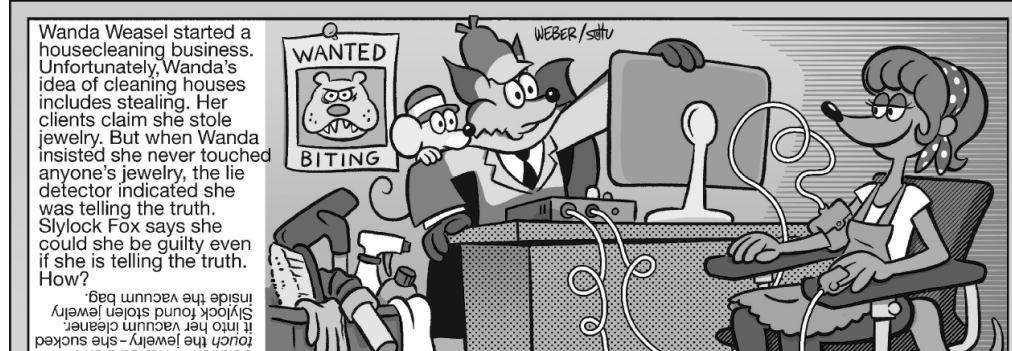


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Aminah Smith recently graduated with her mother, Zaheerah Smith-Cooper, from Middle Tennessee State University's College of Education.



Zaheerah Smith-Cooper, left, and her daughter, Aminah Smith, recently graduated together from Middle Tennessee State University's College of Education with top marks and as nontraditional students from the master of education in curriculum and instruction program. They are pictured here at their May graduation ceremony.



MTSU spring 2022 graduate Zaheerah Smith-Cooper strikes a post-graduation pose.

Mother-daughter share MTSU graduation

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — For recent Middle Tennessee State University graduates Zaheerah Smith-Cooper and her daughter, Aminah Smith, sharing interests and passions extended beyond home to the classroom.

The mother-daughter duo not only graduated together from MTSU's College of Education this spring; they received top marks — a 4.0 GPA for mom and 3.9 GPA for daughter.

"It was great graduating with my mom!" Smith said. "We were sitting close together during the ceremony, only one person between us, so we could still share encouraging words. It was nice to accomplish this with her and hopefully, we can do it again in the future."

Smith-Cooper said she was the first to pursue an education degree because she loved reading and wanted to teach elementary students. She was excited by her daughter's acceptance to MTSU. Furthermore, she was inspired to pursue education by her own mother's work as a

Bible instructor and the other academics and Bible educators in her life.

"Their love for teaching, patience and lovingkindness influenced me to want to pursue teaching," Smith-Cooper said.

Both originally from New York City, the two completed the online master of education in curriculum and instruction program directed by Ashlee Hover, assistant professor of education.

Smith-Cooper is an office supervisor at Tennessee State University in Nashville and Smith is a social media associate for Lyft.

Smith said she was grateful for Hover's classes in the program. Her mom echoed those same sentiments, saying she always left Hover's courses with "knowledge and confidence."

"Many of my peers were traditional academic teachers who had been teaching for many years," Smith-Cooper said. "I wasn't a traditional student or educator, and Dr. Hover helped me see that being traditionally trained in education doesn't

always matter. We all have great ideas, and there are different ways to accomplish our goal: to teach the student. Completing a class with Dr. Hover leaves you excited and looking forward to what is next."

Joshua Tipton, educational leadership adjunct professor, also helped Smith-Cooper. She says she struggled at first—after being out of the world of school and classes for years.

"After my first assignment, I wanted to give up," she said. "Dr. Tipton took the time to personally meet with me via Zoom to explain assignments, go over my work and help me achieve the best result possible. The effort and support he puts into his students are commendable, and he gave me the desire not to give up but push forward."

Going forward, Smith would like to publish novels, open a bookstore and teach English to elementary or middle school students.

Mom would like to open a school in a low-income area where she could focus not only on the students but the entire family.

"I feel it would offer the students a better chance to succeed when we provide their parents the opportunity and resources to help themselves," she said.

Hover said she works hard to develop and maintain a social presence in the online learning environment of her program.

"The relationships with my students, current and alumni, are very important to me," she said. "It is exciting to hear from Aminah and Zaheerah that the content and assignments that Dr. Terry Goodwin and I are designing are effectively reaching both our traditional and nontraditional students.... Aminah and Zaheerah both excelled in my courses, and each put a different spin on their reflections and course assignments due to the differences in their professions."

To learn more about the opportunities available for traditional and nontraditional students at the College of Education, visit the website <https://www.mtsu.edu/education/>.



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Show Dates - October 21 & 22, 2022
 Auditions to be announced
Director: Ashley Johnson
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Tickets for these events can be purchased at www.flyartscenter.com.



Create restaurant quality meals at home

Few pleasures are as enjoyable as a delicious meal at a restaurant. However, in recent years, pandemic-related safety measures and widespread inflation have led many people to cook at home with greater frequency.

Cooking meals at home enables individuals to customize ingredients according to their dietary preferences. But some home cooks wonder if they can replicate the type of fine dining they enjoy at their favorite restaurants in a home kitchen without having the skills of a professional. The answer is “yes,” especially for people willing to follow some simple suggestions.

Start with a favorite restaurant meal. Mastering one favorite dish from a restaurant can be the starting point for developing a passion for replicating even more recipes. Figure out where you love to eat and then zero in on that one

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dish that has you salivating even before you’ve sat down at the table. Pay attention to the types of ingredients that went into the meal so you can search for a recipe that comes close.

Upgrade your equipment. If you plan to be cooking more fine meals at home, it may be worth it to invest in some new cooking gear. Trying to hammer in a nail with a screwdriver doesn’t work well in construction, and a stir-fry may not come out the same without a wok. Learn about the basic equipment to have in a kitchen, or seek the advice of a retailer like Bed, Bath & Beyond, Le Creuset

or Williams Sonoma.

Use quality ingredients. Be sure to use quality ingredients when preparing meals. For some this means spending extra on organic foods or choosing a better grade of meat, such as choice beef over select. Using fresh produce and herbs also may produce more flavor than packaged or dried varieties.

Mise en place is key. “Mise en place” is a French phrase meaning “putting in place” or “gathering.” This refers to sorting, chopping and measuring out all ingredients for a recipe in advance. By organizing what is needed, you can



use ingredients in a timely manner and everything will be accessible. This can limit distractions during cooking and reduce risk of overcooking. Mise en place also ensures all ingredients are used.

Complicated is not necessarily better. A recipe doesn’t have to be compli-

cated to qualify as fine dining. Some of the most delicious meals are those that use minimal ingredients but are cooked to perfection. Mastering a meal like a simple pasta dish could give you the confidence to try something more complex the next time.

Ask questions. Friends,

family members and even culinary professionals may be willing to share their tips for success. The worst thing that can happen by asking for advice is the person says, “no.” The best that can happen is learning techniques that enable you to whip up more restaurant-worthy meals.



‘Home on the range’ recipes

When opting to eat more meals at home, there’s one mainstay dish that cooks might want to learn to make—homemade pasta.

For dessert, we’re opting for something everyone likes—s’mores. Our recipe is topped with bacon. Now how much better can you get than that!

We searched for some of the best extension recipes for homemade pasta and we believe this one from the University of Utah ranks up at the top.

Top the pasta with your favorite meat sauce or just enjoy with vegetables and fresh tomatoes.

Enjoy. Happy cooking!

Homemade Pasta

- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour or 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vegetable or olive oil

In a large bowl or stand mixer, stir together 2 cups flour (1 3/4 cup if using whole wheat flour) and salt. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Add egg, water and

oil all at once. Stir to combine. Knead the dough by hand or in the stand mixer for 8 to 10 minutes until smooth and elastic, combining the remaining 1/3 cup flour (or 1/4 cup whole wheat flour) while kneading. Cover and let rest 10 minutes. Divide dough into four portions. Use a rolling pin or dough roller to roll dough to about 1/16” thick. Lightly dust with flour and cut as desired. To serve pasta immediately, cook in a large amount of boiling salted water until al dente. Stir occasionally; drain. Cook fettuccine or linguine 1 1/2 - 2 minutes, bow ties or lasagna noodles 2-3 minutes and ravioli or tortellini 7-9 minutes. To store pasta, spread it on a wire rack or hang it from a pasta-drying rack. Let dry up to 2 hours. Place in an airtight container and store in the refrigerator up to 3 days, or dry pasta at least 1 hour; place in a freezer bag or container and freeze up to 8 months.

Go sweet and savory this summer

No doubt, bacon makes everything better.

This recipe for “Grilled Chocolate Chip Cookie Bacon S’mores,” courtesy of the National Pork Board and Tiffany Edwards

of Le Crème de la Crumb, is the perfect summer treat.

Why? You’d be hard-pressed to find a person who can pass up the salty swagger of smoked bacon paired with the creamy richness of chocolate and the crunch and sweetness of a chocolate chip cookie.

Top it with marshmallow and this summer treat is alive with flavor!

Grilled Chocolate Chip Cookie Bacon S’mores

- Yields 12
- 12 thick-cut slices bacon (hickory smoked, Applewood smoked or maple)
- 12 large marshmallows
- 12 (2-inch) squares chocolate good quality
- 12 skewers
- 12 Tbsp. butter, softened
- 3/4 C. brown sugar
- 1/4 C. sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg plus 1 egg yolk
- 2 C. flour
- 1 3.4-ounce box instant French vanilla pudding mix, dry, not prepared
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 C. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Make the cookies: In a bowl, cream together butter, sugar and brown sugar for 1 to 2 minutes until light and very fluffy. Add vanilla, egg and egg yolk, and mix well. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, pudding mix, baking soda, and salt.

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix until incorporated and dough comes together. Stir in chocolate chips. Cover very tightly and chill for at least 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll dough into balls (about 1 1/2 inch) and space 2 to 3 inches apart on a baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until lightly browned on top. Allow to cool 5 to 10



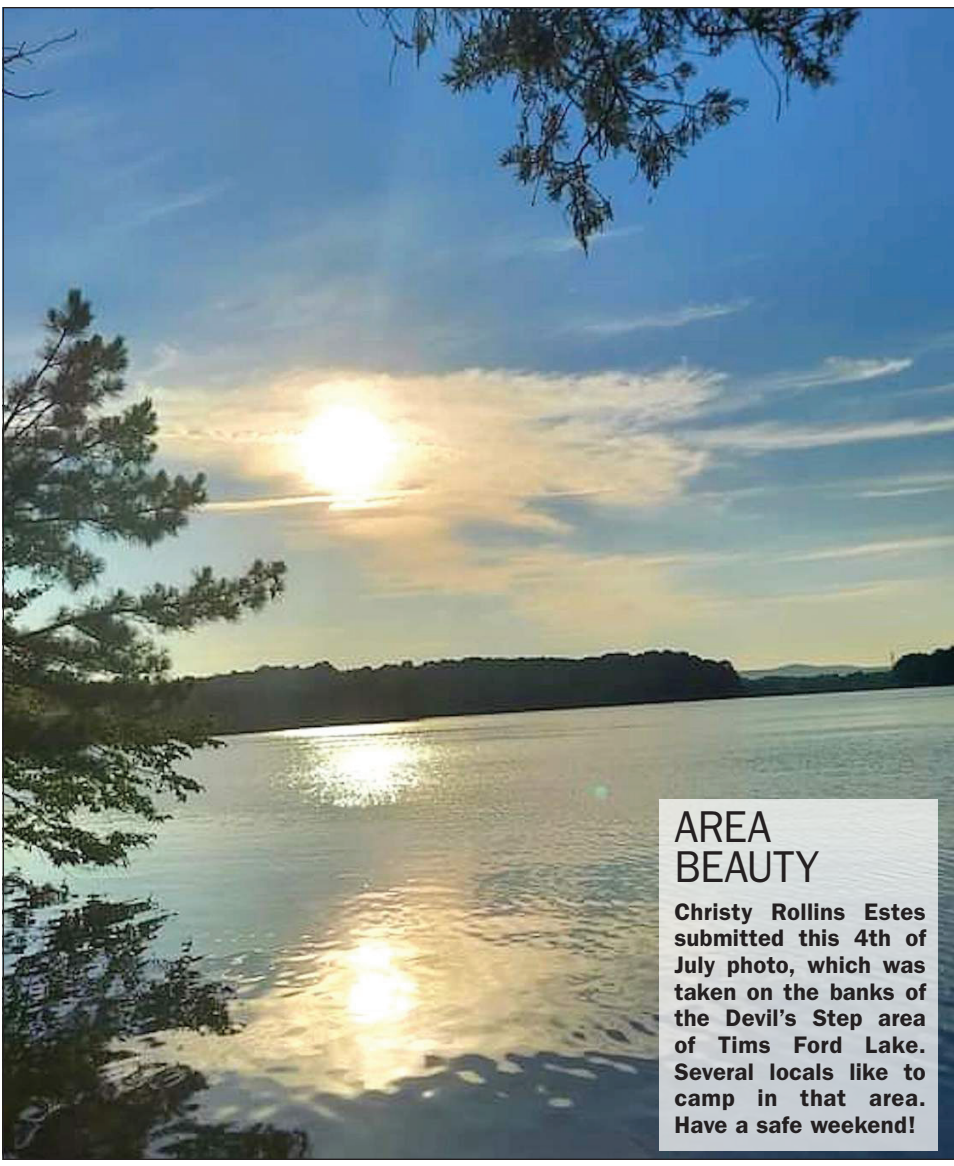
minutes on baking sheet before transferring to a cooling rack to cool completely.

To grill the bacon: Heat a grill to medium-high heat. Thread bacon onto skewers in an S-shape. Place skewers directly on grill and cook 8 to 12 minutes, rotating as needed to ensure even cooking. Transfer to a plate, let cool and then remove bacon from skewers. Set aside.

Meanwhile, roast the marshmallows: Roast marshmallows directly over the grill using skewers or roasting sticks until cooked to your preference.

Assemble s’mores: Flip one cookie over so it’s upside down. Place a square of chocolate on top of the upside-down cookie, then top with grilled marshmallow, bacon and a right side-up second cookie. Serve immediately.





AREA BEAUTY

Christy Rollins Estes submitted this 4th of July photo, which was taken on the banks of the Devil's Step area of Tims Ford Lake. Several locals like to camp in that area. Have a safe weekend!

Factors that can adversely affect mood

No one is immune to the occasional bad mood—that emotional state which can make a difficult day feel even more so.

As well, multiple-person households can become uncomfortable places to be if one person's mood is less than welcoming.

Bad moods can be easily shrugged off and that may not inspire people to wonder why their generally upbeat outlooks can suddenly take a turn for the worse. Each person is different, so what triggers a mood swing in some individuals may not necessarily do so in others. However, various factors can adversely affect mood.

Taking steps to avoid or minimize such factors can reduce the number of days when you feel as though you woke up on the wrong side of the bed.

- **Lack of physical activity:** A 2019 study from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health found that running for 15 minutes a day or walking for an hour reduces the risk of major depression. That link is likely connected to the release of endorphins triggered by exercise. Endorphins are hormones that studies have shown contribute to a general feeling of well-being, which explains why a lack of physical activity can adversely affect mood.

- **Chronic stress:** Chronic stress has long been linked to a host of health problems. According to the Mayo Clinic, chronic stress puts individuals at increased risk for heart disease and weight gain but also issues that affect mood, including anxiety and depression. Individuals who find themselves routinely confronting bad moods may be dealing with chronic stress.

Identifying the source of that stress and speaking with a health care professional about how to reduce and manage it may lead to improvements in mood.

- **Hunger:** A 2018 study from researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario found evidence that a change in glucose levels can have a lasting effect on mood. The study, published in the journal *Psychopharmacology*, found that rats injected with a glucose metabolism blocker experienced stress and depressed mood due to the resultant hypoglycemia. The study lends credence to the notion that many people have about feeling moody when they don't eat.

- **Weather:** Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression that adversely affects certain individuals' moods during winter, when hours of sunlight are fewer than during spring, summer and fall and when temperatures outside can sometimes be so cold as to keep people indoors for extended periods of time. In addition, a 2013 study published in the journal *Social Indicators Research* found that individuals report greater life satisfaction on exceptionally sunny days than they did on days with ordinary weather.

Bad moods come and go for most people. Identifying common triggers for bad moods can help individuals prepare for potential mood swings and navigate them in healthy ways.

So go out this summer and smell the roses, or maybe bright, yellow sunflowers.

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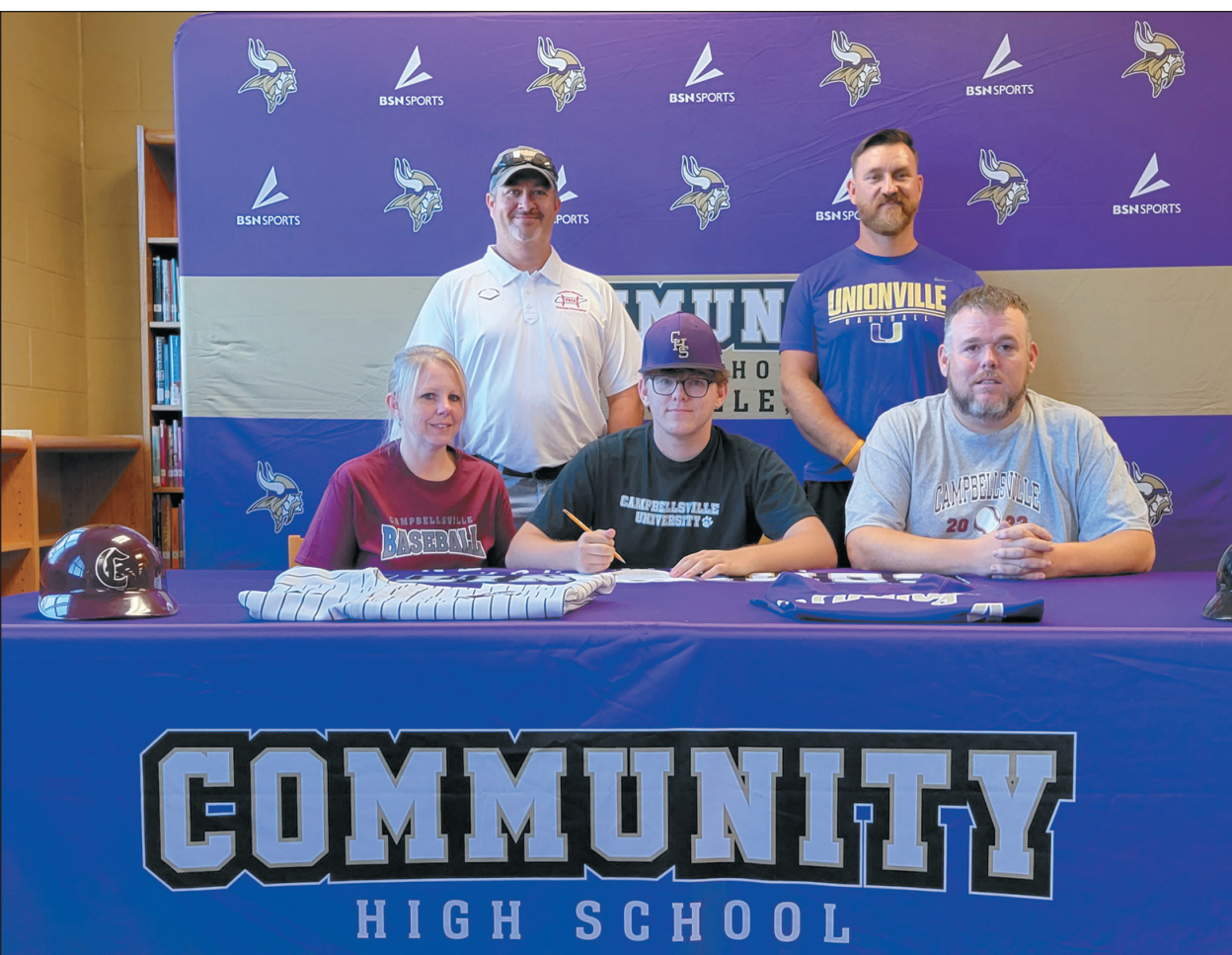
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Gage Underwood signs his letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Campbellsville University.

Campbellsville signs Vikes' Underwood

By CHRIS SIERS
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Former Viking senior Gage Underwood felt pulled to Campbellsville University due to a close tie to his family.

After visiting the school and a brief tryout period for the Tigers' coaching staff, Underwood knew where he would be spending his college career.

Earlier this week, he made it official and signed his letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Campbellsville.

"I have family there. My grandma just passed away and I wanted to go there for her. It's a good school and I'll be playing friends I know," he said.

It was a mutual interest between the school and Underwood that led to his eventual signing.

"We both kind of reached out at the same time. I went and did a tour of the school and did a little tryout kind of thing and pitched in front of them. The coach was really nice and said he wanted me on the team," Underwood said.

Underwood was a key cog in the Vikings' roster during the 2022 season that led to a Class 2A state sectional run.

Underwood's work ethic not only helped push the Vikings to within one win of making the Class 2A state tournament, but also helped him find a spot on a collegiate roster.

"Gage has been one of the hardest workers we have ever had in the program. Everything he has gotten he has earned with his work ethic and Coach Jake Roberts deserves a lot of the credit helping get Gage where he is now," Viking coach Robbie Davis said.



Underwood was a reliable arm for the Vikings that helped Community press to the Class 2A state sectional this season.

"He had a great senior season and we don't make the sub-state without him. He has great family support and Campbellsville is getting a true winner in every sense of the word."

While most college signees ink their letters of intent in late spring, Underwood was able to secure his in mid-summer, which made it a little tougher to prepare for the athleticism of college competition this fall.

"It's hard, but I'm just ready to get started. I'm going to go in straight away and start working," Underwood said.

For now, Underwood is putting in the work on

his own before getting on an official college regimen later this summer when he reports to campus.

Underwood made his living for the Vikings with a steady arm on the mound and a reliable bat at the plate.

While roles at the college level are more exclusive pending each player's strengths, the Campbellsville coaching staff sees Underwood as a pitcher, but could see him in another role as needed.

"They said I was going to be a pitcher only, but I might get a few at bats," he said.

Throughout his time playing for Community, Underwood was part

of plenty of memorable games and moments, but his favorite was pitching the Vikings to a win against Cascade in the District 7-AA tournament and bumping the Cascade Champions out of the tournament.

"I was determined to get the win. I had to close it out," he said.

Underwood plans on pursuing a degree in either criminal justice or sports management.

Campbellsville competes in the NAIA and is part of the Mid-South Conference.

In 2022, the Tigers posted a 25-24 overall record.

NORRIS MAKES VIKING HISTORY



T-G File Photo by Rickey Clardy

Dylan Norris made history by becoming the first-ever Community Viking to be named to the TSWA Class 2A first-team All-State baseball team.

Cubs sued over Wrigley access

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

The federal government sued the Chicago Cubs on Thursday and accused the team of failing to make Wrigley Field accessible to those with disabilities when the century-old ballpark was modernized in a half-billion dollar project that added luxury seating, bathrooms and restaurants.

The lawsuit filed by U.S. Attorney John Lausch Jr. says the team's 1060 Project "has had a significant adverse impact on individuals with disabilities and their ability to access Wrigley Field." It asks for compensatory damages and civil penalties and demands that the team fix the problems to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to the lawsuit, the renovations that began in 2014 and were projected to cost more than \$550 million removed the best wheelchair seating in the stadium, failed to include it in new premium clubs and stuck it in the last row of the bleachers, where it is blocked by drink rails or fans standing up to cheer.

"Although this project significantly enhanced the gameday experience for many fans, particularly those able to take advantage of premium clubs and other luxury accommodations, the same cannot be said for

fans with disabilities," the lawsuit said.

The Cubs said in a statement that they are disappointed that the lawsuit was filed and said they hope the matter can be resolved amicably. The team said the renovation of the ballpark, a national and city landmark, "greatly increased" accessibility in accordance with the law and the historic preservation standards, with 50% more accessible seating options, 11 more elevators and enhanced audio assistance for fans with hearing impairments.

"We will defend Wrigley Field and our position it meets accessibility requirements for fans," the team said, adding that it has worked with the Justice Department since it initiated a review in 2019 and offered to voluntarily enhance accessibility.

"Wrigley Field is now more accessible than ever in its 108-year history," the team said. "The Friendly Confines today is more welcoming than ever to fans with accessibility needs."

Built in 1914, Wrigley Field is the second-oldest ballpark in the major leagues and a longtime holdout against many of the newer trends in sports stadiums. The 1060 Project aimed to provide fans with the amenities — and the team with revenue — of a modern stadium while maintaining its traditional charm.

Freeman's former agent sues radio talk show host

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Freddie Freeman's former agent and his company sued a radio host for libel on Thursday, alleging Doug Gottlieb falsely claimed Casey Close never informed the first baseman of the Atlanta Braves' last contract offer.

Close and Excel Sports Management filed the suit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, alleging defamation by libel. They accused Gottlieb of "false, disparaging and derogatory" comments in a tweet they claimed was made "in a grossly irresponsible manner without due consideration for the

standards of information gathering and dissemination ordinarily followed by responsible parties."

The 58-year-old Close is a principal of Excel and one of three managing partners. He has represented several hundred baseball players, including Hall of Famer Derek Jeter.

Gottlieb, 46, is affiliated with Fox Sports, the Pac-12 Network and CBS Sports, according to the suit.

"Although we gave Mr. Gottlieb an opportunity to retract his false statement, he failed to do so," Close said in a statement. "The complaint sets the record straight as to what occurred dur-

ing the negotiations with the Atlanta Braves."

Jason Stewart, a producer at Fox Sports Radio Network, referred a request for comment to John Tehranian, whom Stewart said was a lawyer for Gottlieb. Tehranian did not respond to a phone message and email.

The suit alleges Close has received death threats from people he believes to be Braves fans.

Close said in the suit that the Braves on March 29, 2021, offered Freeman a \$110 million, five-year deal starting in 2022, then made a \$125 million, five-year proposal on Aug. 1 and a \$135 million proposal on Aug. 4, all rejected

by Freeman.

Close said he and the Braves had their final two conversations about a Freeman contract this March 12 and he made two proposals to the team that day that were rejected. Close said he asked the team if it had any offer he could present Freeman and was told the team did not.

Close said he immediately informed Freeman of all conversations with the Braves on March 12.

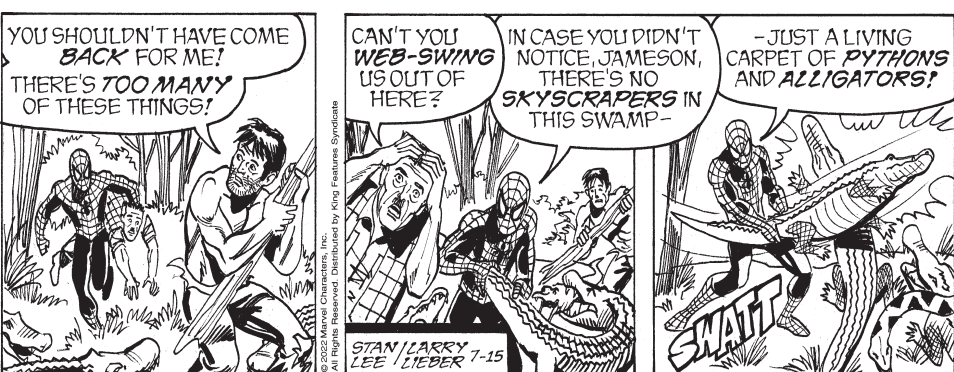
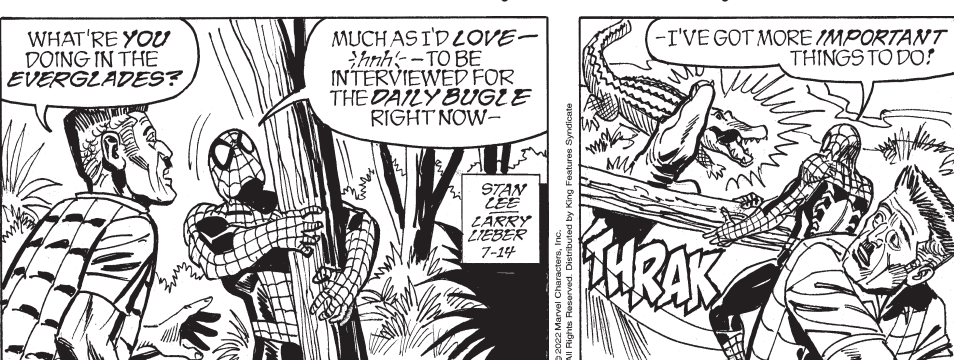
Atlanta announced on March 14 it had acquired first baseman Matt Olson from Oakland, signaling the team no longer was attempting to retain Freeman. On

March 17, Freeman signed a \$162 million, six-year contract with the Dodgers.

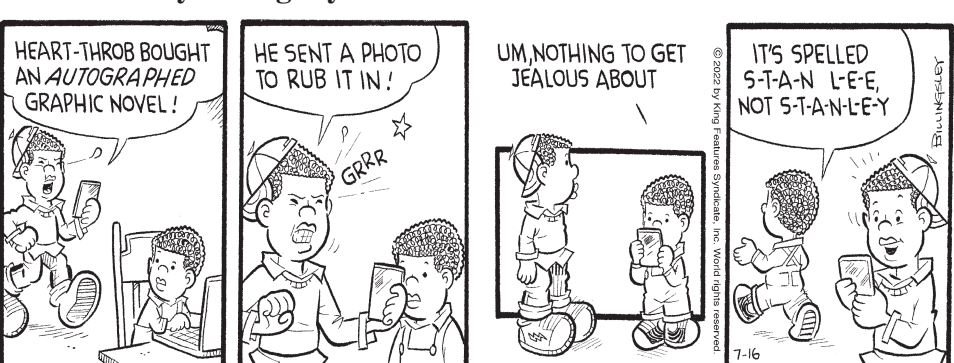
On June 29, Gottlieb tweeted: "Casey Close never told Freddie Freeman about the Braves final offer, that is why Freeman fired him. He found out in Atlanta this weekend. It isn't that rare to have happen in MLB, but it happened — Close knew Freddie would have taken the ATL deal."

Freeman received his World Series ring on June 24 before his first game with the Dodgers in Atlanta, and Close said Freeman terminated him as his designated player agent several days later.

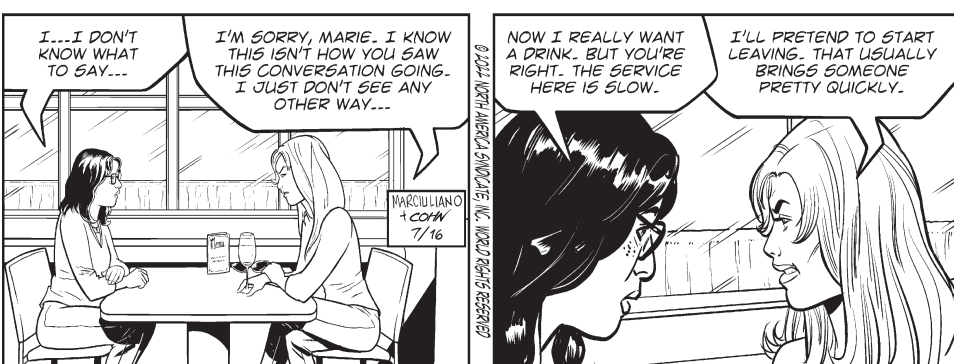
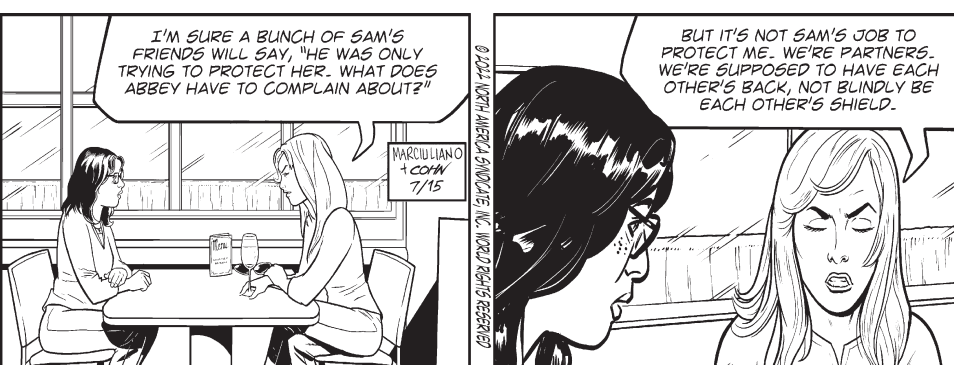
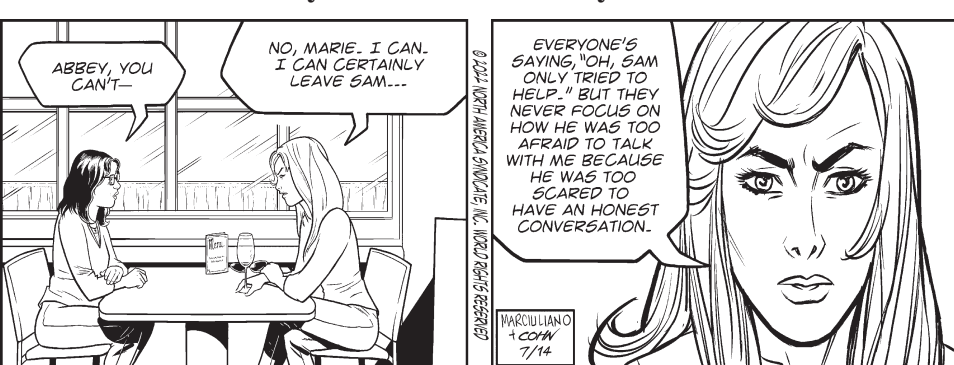
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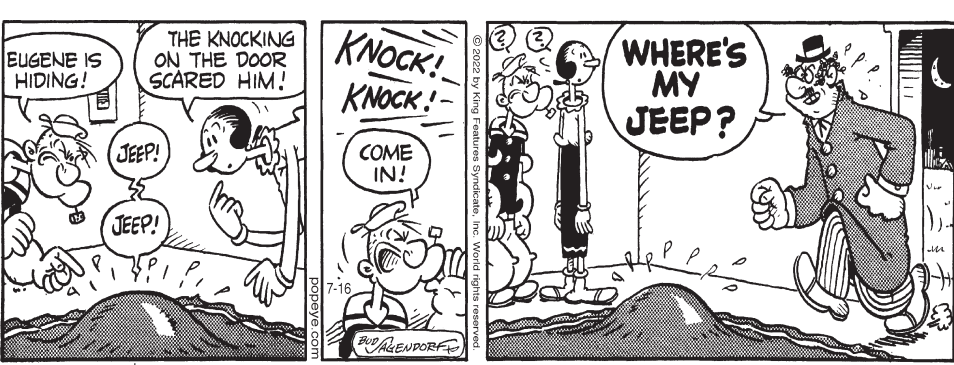
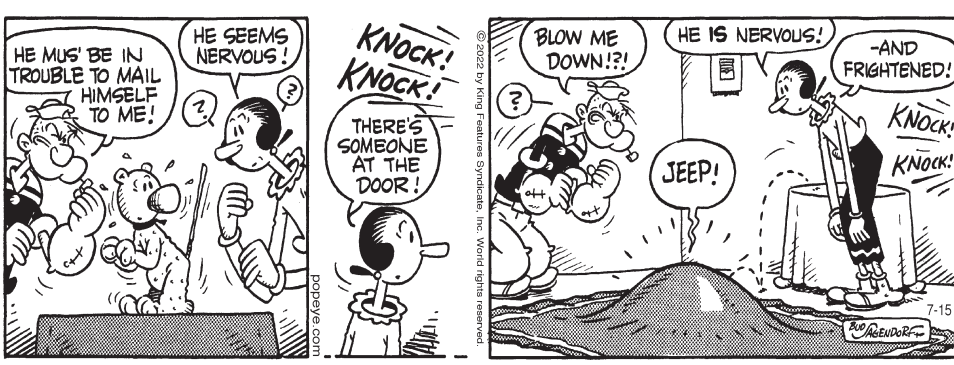
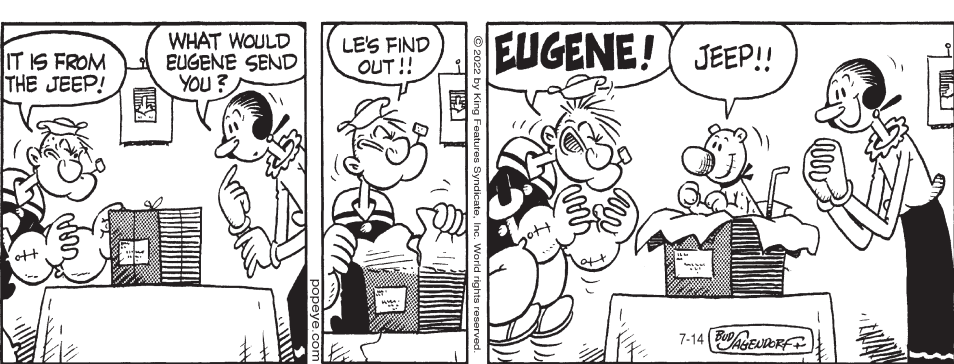
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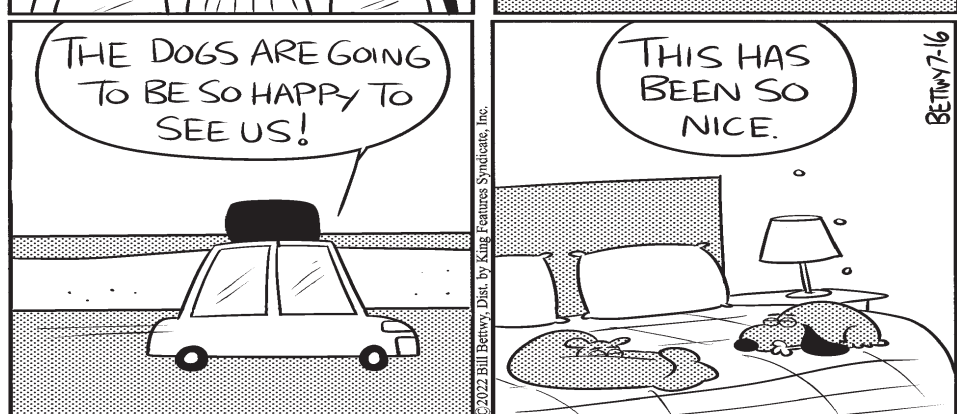
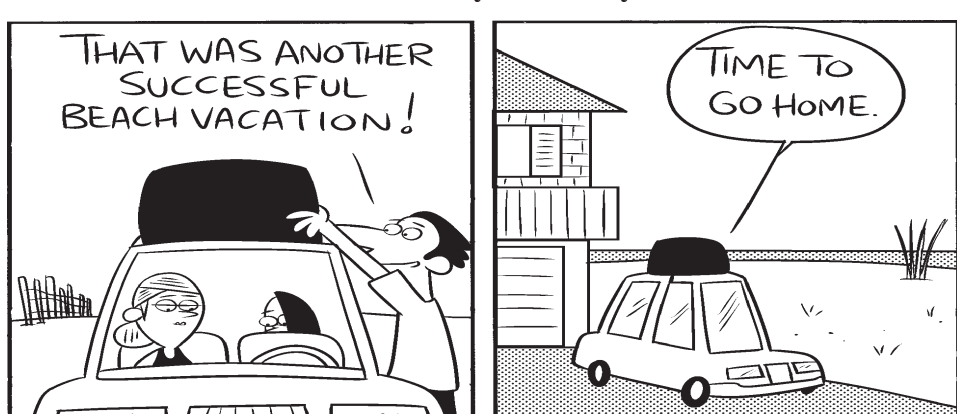


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Solve the code to discover words related to vacations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

- A. 23 15 18 22
Clue: Cease work
- B. 23 15 19 24 7
Clue: Become less tense
- C. 20 1 13 23 4 15 25
Clue: A trip
- D. 18 13 11 22 10 24 18 15
Clue: Bag

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

Answers: A. rest B. relax C. journey D. suitcase

