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Suspect fires toward police officers

By DAVID MELSON
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A man who allegedly fired toward Shelbyville police officers early Wednesday was captured a few hours later off Depot Street.

No officers were struck when Rosson A. Pickett, 29, of Halls Mill Road, shot through the back window of a room at Best Western Celebration Inn, Madison Street, shortly after midnight, Deputy Chief Brian Crews of the Shelbyville Police Department said.

Officer Brock Horner arrested Pickett behind a home on Highland Court after a brief struggle later Wednesday morning. Maj. Pat Mathis spotted Pickett and notified

other officers.

Pickett is charged with two counts of aggravated assault on a first responder/officer and one count each of evading arrest, resisting arrest, possession of a gun during a dangerous felony and being a felon in possession of a weapon. He is being held at Bedford County Jail on \$125,000 bond.

Rutherford County deputies notified Shelbyville police around midnight they had been told Pickett and others were occupying a room in the portion of the motel complex separate from the main building. Pickett was wanted in connection with a credit card offense, police said.

Officers Sam Campbell of Shelbyville and Rutherford County Deputies Brandon Bains and Christopher Taylor went to the room's front door while Sgt. Jody Shelton and Officer Sam Campbell from Shelbyville stood by the back window.

Pickett saw the officers and allegedly fired shots from a handgun through the back window, Crews said. The room does not have a rear door.

"Once officers knocked on the door, Pickett opened the curtains at the back of the room and made visual eye contact with officers," Crews said. "Pickett opened fire with a handgun shooting toward



Rosson Pickett

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BC schools rank last in per pupil spending

By DAWN HANKINS
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During Tuesday night's school board meeting, John Boutwell presented per pupil spending numbers for Bedford County. Sadly, those numbers haven't increased by much since he gave a similar presentation 2 years ago.

Simply put, Bedford County ranks close to last in per pupil spending when compared to other surrounding counties within the

South Central District.

He shared the presentation he was giving the board with the T-G.

Boutwell has been a school board member since 2010. He's currently running for a Bedford County Commission seat, unopposed, as a Republican candidate. He hopes his many



John Boutwell

years in business and on the school board will assist in many areas of county growth, particularly regarding education.

"We need a voice for education on the commission. We need somebody to be able to present education's case to citizens . . . make a difference."

Boutwell said with a smile if he's elected to the Commission on Aug. 4, he will be resigning as a school board member. He

said he's running unopposed for District 8, which stretches from Union Street to the airport area off Highway 231 North. Of course, there is always the possibility of a write-in candidate vying for that district seat.

Working at this level in local government will be a new experience for Boutwell, though he did do some work for Bedford

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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS



Submitted Photo
Megan Kipker, advertising advisor for the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, recently accepted a floral bouquet from Shelbyville Garden Club President Babs Chicoine. The club gives local offices floral arrangements from its monthly meeting. Megan, a familiar face in our front office each day at the T-G, said the bouquet brightened her day.

How to vote 'write-in'

T-G STAFF REPORT

Time has passed to throw your hat into the ring for the general election coming up on Aug. 4. Even the deadline to be a write-in candidate has passed.

Early and absentee voting is over at the end of the month.

Now, it's up to the voters to make their choice.

Still undecided? Or thinking of voting for a write-in candidate?

Actually, the write-in candidate process is simple, according to administrator of elections Summer Leverette.

"On the machine, under each office, there is a write-in option. The voter pushes that button, and the next screen appears. The button on each side of the machine corresponds to a letter and the voter simply types in the name and hits done," she explained.

There are several write-ins currently on the Aug. 4 ballot:

- District 7 School Board: Barton Williams, Michael Henry, and Sandra Avent
- Bell Buckle Alderman: Thomas Humphrey III

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SCHRA: Serving healthy meals

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Tennessee's South Central Human Resource Agency's (SCHRA) official website said 1 out of every 6 seniors struggle with hunger.

One way Bedford County is trying to fight hunger and deliver nutritional meals to seniors in these 'food deserts' is through several nonprofits.

"I think the need in Bedford County is here for the younger people as well. But we are so fortunate to have the nonprofits here, like the soup kitchen—they've been amazing," said Sonia Miller, director of the Shelbyville Senior Center. She said they're trying to join forces to help the needy in Bedford County.

In partnership with SCHRA, the senior center hosts a Meals on Wheels program where they deliver over 30 or more single meals a day, according to nutrition manager Amy Wilson. The food is provided by SCHRA which conducts a nutrition assessment to those who qualify.

SCHRA also contracts with South Central Area Agency on Aging and Disability. "We serve 13 counties and there are needs in every one of those counties," said quality assurance coordinator Katrina Crisp.

Crisp said seniors are assessed by one of the agency's service coordinators to determine if they are unable to physically get food. For

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FOOD FOR CHAMPIONS



Brayden Pyrdom enjoys giving the contest chickens feed at this week's Bedford County Fair. The fun continues through Saturday at the AG Center on Midland Road in Shelbyville.

T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard

OBITUARIES

Ruby Nell Hancock Burton

July 12, 2022

Ruby Neil Hancock Burton, 75, of Shelbyville died Tuesday, July 12, 2022 after an extended illness.

Per her wishes she will be cremated. No services will be scheduled.

She was a native of Bedford County and a former employee of Uniroyal. Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Marion Hancock and Mary Reba Wright Hillis; a brother, Marion Hancock Jr.; and two sisters, Patsy Ann Parrill and Shirley Fordham.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Burton; her children, Patricia Bravo, Benson Merlo, Parker Lee Merlo, Anthony Jason Merlo; sister, Bessie Adams; brother, John Hancock; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Elaine Evelyn Cooley

July 17, 2022

Mrs. Elaine Evelyn Cooley, 81, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2022.

Funeral services will be 12 noon Saturday, July 23, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was born May 2, 1941, in New Orleans, to the late Newman Watson and Evelyn Venable. She was a nurse at Bedford County Hospital and also worked with Dr. Feldhaus and Dr. Parawan. She was a faithful member of St. William Catholic Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Gary Craig.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Henry "Jaby" Cooley; a son, Ivan Cooley; daughters, Esther Fitzpatrick, and her husband Iginio, and Iris Cooley, and her husband Darcy; a brother, Jonathon Venable, and his wife Zenobia; sisters, Laverne Craig and Cynthia Ogbeide; grandchildren, John Fitzpatrick, Joseph "Joey" Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Anne Fitzpatrick, and Tyreek "Ty" Crowell; great-grandchildren, Cordelia Fitzpatrick and Logan Fitzpatrick.

Elaine would be honored with memorials made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Kenneth 'O'Man' Dyer

July 14, 2022

Mr. Kenneth "O'Man" Dyer, age 66, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Herbert Lee Stewart will officiate.

He was born July 27, 1955, in Fayetteville, to Nannie Sue Dyer. He was a quiet and good man who loved the Atlanta Braves and the Dallas Cowboys. He worked at Sanford as an operator and then at Tyson Foods for over 20 years as a lead on the whole bird line where he made lifelong friends.

He is survived by his mother, Nannie Sue Dyer, of Shelbyville; two sons, Kenneth A. Dyer, of Shelbyville, and Justin A. Dyer, of Knoxville; grandson, Akoyai M. Dyer, of Murfreesboro; granddaughter, Akiya T. Dyer, of Fayetteville; and a host of family and friends that extend from Michigan to Tennessee.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.

Nancy Beasley Perryman

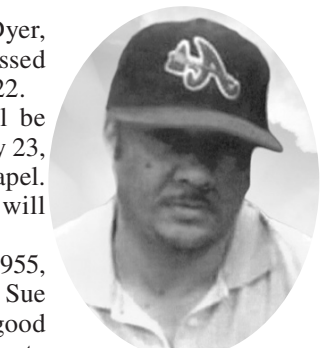
July 20, 2022

Mrs. Nancy Beasley Perryman, age 81, of Chapel Hill, died Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill. Burial will follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Born in Bedford County, Mrs. Perryman was a daughter of the late Leonard Felix Beasley, Sr. and Frances Faulkner Beasley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hollis Eugene Perryman, who died in 1991, and a daughter, Genia Ensey. Mrs. Beasley enjoyed her activities with the Bedford County Home Demonstration Club, the United Methodist Women and TOPS. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law; Dennis (Darlene) Perryman of Shelbyville, Eric (Sherry) Perryman, Randy (Anita) Perryman, Phillip (Gail) Perryman and Roger Greg (Amanda) Perryman, all of Chapel Hill; son-in-law, Darryl Ensey; 2 sisters, Virgie Summers of Chapel Hill and May Beth Woods of Mt. Juliet; and two brothers, Jack Beasley of San Antonio, Texas and Leonard Beasley, Jr of Chapel Hill; 21 grandchildren, Lorie (Seth) Gilliam, Josh (Chasity) Perryman, Kyle (Keri Beth) Perryman, Erika (Matt) Adams, Allison (Jovanny) Garcia, Darrick Ensey, Jessica (Michael) Leverette, Caleb Ensey, Josh Ensey, Ryan Perryman, Angel Perryman, Brittney (Steven) Leathers, Kelly Isley, Justin (Beth) Campbell, Mikey Campbell, Michael (Dyan) Perryman, Cody Perryman, Christina (Mitchell) Shelton, Dustin Perryman, Autumn Perryman and Ansley Perryman; 28 great-grandchildren; Hannah Gilliam, Mallory Gilliam, Brianna Horn, Hailey Perryman, Easton Perryman, Addison Perryman, Riley Perryman, Kendall Adams, Sophia Adams, Adrian Garcia, Kane Perry



Maj. Leighton Eugene Young

July 7, 2022

Major Leighton Eugene Young, 87, of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2022. Gene was born in Manchester, Tennessee on August 20, 1934. He was preceded in death his parents Alton and Margie (West) Young and a brother, Lee Roy Young.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 68 years Gladys (Jones) Young; their children, Rhonda (Tom) Hogan, Gina (Paul) Walling, Chet (Cathey) Young, and foster son Will Sheffield; 13 grandchildren: 23 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Joyce Dalton, Jewel Barrett, Helen (Reggie) Smith, and Linda (Monty) Young, and one brother, Paul (Bonnie) Young, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He attended college at Athens State University, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Auburn



University with a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and doctoral coursework in Physics. He worked as a physicist/aerospace engineer for Marshall Space Flight Center at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama for 35 years. During his tenure at NASA he worked on many projects that laid the groundwork for the International Space Station. He was the principal investigator for the Solar Array Flight Experiment and played a critical role in the development and launch of the Hubble Space Telescope, including Mission Control. He was listed in Volume 6 of International Who's Who of Intellectuals. Throughout his life and career he received many academic and professional commendations.

He served in the Tennessee Army National Guard for 24 years and achieved the rank of Major. Gene enjoyed genealogy, playing guitar, and Tennessee football.

He was a longtime member and deacon at Mastin Lake Road Church of Christ and more recently became a member of Meridianville Church of Christ.

Services were held at Valhalla Funeral Home on Monday, July 11, with public visitation from 1-3 p.m. and Celebration of Life Service at 3 p.m. with Scotty Sparks and Alvin Alston officiating. Entombment was in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

SCHRA

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people or spouses of those 60 years old or older, they must be physically or mentally unable to get meals, homebound or isolated (that is, no friends or family), and/or frail.

Congregate meals, which are served at the senior center, are also available. But for those

living far outside the city limits, the program delivers a five-pack of frozen meals so that they last throughout the week.

Miller added, "Through the years I've been doing this, I've seen a lot of people that that may be the only nutritious meal they get and can afford on a daily basis."

When talking about food deserts, lack of transportation is major factor in aiding such food

availability problems, especially for seniors, who either cannot drive or do not have a vehicle.

But things aren't easy for these nonprofits, like the senior center, who are struggling to recruit volunteers and afford rising gas prices. Currently, they have 18 volunteers with the Meals on Wheels program.

Wilson said, "We couldn't do it without them. It just makes you feel good to help people."

Miller added that the senior center also received a \$5,000 state grant for breakfast meals to be delivered. "We try to be as diligent as we can with the money."

To register for home delivered meals, call 931-684-0019 or visit Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center at 111 J.G. Helton Drive (across the street from Shelbyville Central High School.)

Spending

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County Mayor Chad Graham a couple of years ago in human resources. Boutwell was a political science major at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

"I just want young people who go to school here to have a decent opportunity for their future . . . the opportunities I had all those years ago. I think the biggest problem is that we haven't had a voice . . . pointing out the issues."

Per pupil spending

Since he's been on the school board, he's kept a significant spread sheet each year while going over the fiscal year budget. "I would compare it to the previous year, to see if things were rocking along to previous periods. Then if something were a bit different, I'd raise a question."

As time went on, Boutwell said he began to notice that Bedford County's contribution toward per pupil spending was not increasing. The state's portion, he added, was growing.

"About 2 or 3 years ago, I looked at it . . . adjust for inflation, we're giving less now, than we were 10 years ago."

The former human resources manager and consultant doesn't just come up with the numbers off the top of his head, but uses data from the State. He admits he's a stats man; he looks up and compares to other surrounding counties to get his results.

He also went to the U.S. Bureau of Labor for inflation data. He researched the numbers regarding this county's contribution, and worth, today.

"In other words, our contribution, in 2023, is going to be \$1,475. If you put that back into 2009 dollars, that's \$1,106. Actually, we gave \$1,267 in 2009, which means on an inflation adjusted basis, we're 160 dollars less than we were in 2009, on per pupil expenditures. The state's portion is almost 500 dollars more."

So in the last 12 years, county funding per student has gone backward, not forward, according to Boutwell. That is simply, what the county is funding toward educating each of the 8,700 plus students here.

He refers to an article which ran in 2018, in the

Jackson Sun. The Madison County School System was at odds over its per pupil spending. A professor there wrote an article in the paper, which Boutwell found interesting. He uses it now in his presentations.

Boutwell said the writer showed the difference between per pupil spending and accounty's "capacity." It was then, Boutwell said, he learned about that word called "capacity" in regards to per pupil spending.

"The state has come up with [what] your county has a capacity to fund schooling."

He said he learned from the West Tennessee newspaper article that Bedford County was 95th out of all counties. "We were dead last in our local per pupil funding when compared to our ability [capacity] to fund schools."

Those numbers pointed to a \$3.8 million deficit in per pupil spending in fiscal year 2017, he said.

TACIR

Boutwell said he also became more familiar with the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) while studying per pupil spending. This is an intergovernmental body of state and local governments in the state that has the purpose of providing a forum for discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems and providing research support to improve the overall quality of government in that state.

"They determine what a county's ability to pay per schools is, based on taxable income, property value . . . and all those kinds of things."

Within the realm of some lawsuits, Basic Education Program (BEP) came into existence as a way to determine how the state decides what each county has coming in the way of funding. A poorer county, therefore, generally will receive more state funding, he advised.

So TACIR bases it funding off a county's per capita or ability to pay. If per capita is greater, for example like that in Williamson County, percentage wise, there will be less funding. There's an equalization, he discovered.

So how does Bedford County fair per capita? "TACIR tells us that our rank is 55th out of 95 counties. Roughly, we're sort of in the middle. They're saying

that Bedford County has capacity of [spending] \$2,247 per pupil."

He said this is based on 2020 "capacity." BEP numbers are not available yet for 2022.

In 2020, there were 142 school districts in Tennessee, though there was one system in which numbers were not available. Based on those 141 school districts, Bedford County ranks in the bottom 2 percent when it comes to per pupil spending. Union and Gibson County school districts were lower, the school board member said.

"Our contribution [here] toward per pupil spending is 18.23 percent. So we're in the bottom three. But then if you take in the account capacity . . . we find that we are dead last in the state."

South Central Core District

To equally compare Bedford County, when it comes to funding, the state generally groups similar counties, regarding incomes, etc. "So when I compare all of those counties, I find that we're dead last among the South Central core district," Boutwell advised. "What's interesting is that almost all the counties give more than what the state says their capacity is."

He uses Perry County as an example, noting the county capacity says it can give \$2,164 and yet the county funds its system \$2,398 per pupil. Franklin County's capacity is at \$2,630, but they give \$3,261 per student.

As for Bedford County, the state estimates the capacity at \$2,037 and we give \$1,506. So if you take that per pupil difference and multiply , Boutwell said this county has a short fall of \$4.6 million—dollars not being spent on students.

The former school board chair said there's a capacity here in Bedford County to spend \$4.6 million more on local students' educations. He finds local numbers, based on capacity, troubling.

Then he questions what the school system should be spending more dollars on. He notes facility needs do not figure into these calculations.

Teacher salaries

While teacher pay was on average pretty good in 2020, Boutwell said he's discovered that it is quite possibly the funding gap impacted the number of teachers hired.

open area in a fence behind the motel.

"He cleared the fence and ran toward Park Place, then toward East Lane," Crews said.

Officers responded to a home between Elizabeth and Depot Streets after Mathis saw Pickett around 9:40 a.m.

"He had a backpack and

Suspect

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officers."

Officers said Pickett fired seven shots. Pickett refused officers' orders to surrender, Crews said.

Bedford County's SWAT team was called

and guests in nearby rooms were evacuated to a safe area. All on-duty Shelbyville officers and Bedford County deputies were called to the scene.

"All three refused to exit the motel for hours," Crews said. Police attempted to negotiate with them through a loudspeaker before tear gas was eventually fired

into the room.

The two people with Pickett surrendered after the tear gas. They are not being charged, police said.

"There was no resistance to speak of from them," Crews said.

Pickett jumped through the back window moments after the others surrendered and was able to avoid

several officers surrounding the front and rear of the building, according to Crews.

"No shots were fired from law enforcement," Crews said. "Rutherford County had a K9 in position but the officer did not feel safe to release the dog."

Pickett ran toward East Lane Street through an

I didn't know if he was still armed," Horner said in his report on the arrest. "Rosson was given verbal commands to get on the ground and didn't comply. I went hands on with Rosson and hip tossed him onto the ground. Officer Brandi Merlo was able to get him cuffed."

Johnson may add Commission to resume

Scott Johnson is running in the Aug. 4 general election to serve as Bedford County Commissioner in District 5, which lies in the southeastern portion of the county. His military and public service careers span 40 years. He said recently that he has been a dedicated community leader since returning home to Bedford County following his military service. He believes it would be an honor to serve Bedford County and the District 5 community, which includes Flat Creek.



SCOTT JOHNSON

serve as Bedford County Emergency Management and Homeland Security director.

Johnson served in that capacity for 17 years under Bedford County Mayors Jimmy Woodson, Eugene Ray, and Chad Graham. He worked in partnership with community leaders in all sectors and a broad expanse of the community, including the County Commission. His responsibilities included public safety planning and disaster response in Bedford County's large factories, churches, schools, healthcare facilities, special events, protests, and local government departments and agencies.

Johnson said while serving as the county director, he secured and administered more than \$1 million in grants and federal assistance, which directly benefited safety programs and strengthened critical infrastructure serving residents in Bedford County. He also received the statewide Emergency Management Award, an annual award that is given to one professional emergency manager selected from all 95 counties in Tennessee.

Johnson is currently vice chairman of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Board

of Directors, secretary of the E911 communications board and serves as a board member of Shelbyville/Bedford County Joint Economic and Community Development and Habitat for Humanity. He is past president of Shelbyville/Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and United Way Board of Directors.

There's more to his community involvement. Johnson actively volunteers as a reserve deputy sheriff in the local patrol division.

In addition to his community service activities, he's the "proud" dad to two grown children, Mac (Sara) and Leigh (Grant) and is "Pop" to his "very active" grandchildren, Sadie and Davy.

He reveals that in addition to his service in the broader county, his ties to District 5, in particular, run deep. "My connection to District 5 started when I was young. I spent my high school days hauling hay, bush hogging, and working cattle on several farms in the Flat Creek area of the district. It was hard, but I loved the work and the area. I also drove a tanker truck back then, hauling mash from the Normandy area of the district to feed cattle on our family farm."

If elected, Johnson is committed to continuing his active community involvement and engaging with members of the District 5 community. "If I'm fortunate to serve the residents of District 5, I will attend Normandy and Flat Creek Fire Department monthly business meetings, monthly meetings of the Raus and Flat Creek Community Centers, and host periodic town hall meetings in our area communities, especially when significant issues are faced by the County Commission that will impact District 5 residents."

Commissioner Pinson seeks another term

Sylvia Sanders Pinson is an independent candidate seeking re-election to Bedford County Board of Commissioners for District 7. The local general election is Thursday, Aug. 4.

Early voting for the general election runs through July 30. Absentee voting deadline is July 28.

Pinson said of her most recent term, "For the past four years, I have been privileged to serve as your elected County Commissioner. It has been my honor to represent you and make your voice heard."

She added that she's committed to developing the core values of Bedford County, while cultivating "new and visionary ideas" that will help the community become an "engine for growth."

"I believe to be a true servant leader, you must put in the work," she said.

She believes that over the last 4 years, she's worked and served diligently on making



SYLVIA SANDERS PINSON

Shelbyville/Bedford County a tourist destination and a better place of employment. She's served as a member of the Joint Economic and Tourism Task Force.

Pinson said she's helped local downtown development by serving on the Main Street Market committee, which is cleaning up and re-purposing an "unused eyesore" and turning it into a downtown tourism destination. She said she has worked hard, in conjunction with the Commission,

to make schools better. That includes, she said, by promoting career and technical training.

"Not everyone goes to college, but everyone can go to work."

The Commissioner said she's been a part of securing state funding to build a \$47.5 million Bedford County higher education center (Tennessee College of Applied Technology) in this county. She advises it will be state-of-the-art for training students for the jobs of tomorrow.

Pinson has also served as chair of the Bedford County 2020 Census.

In addition, she said she strongly supports local police and emergency services—those which she believes make local neighborhoods much safer.

"I am committed to hard work and attention to detail. That is why I am asking for your support and vote on Aug. 4. I promise to work hard and listen to my constituents by creating a next-level approach to a better Bedford County."

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The 2022 Scholarship recipient plans attending UT Martin and majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, snowboarding and playing soccer. The District wishes him well in his future. Each year the Bedford County Soil & Water Conservation District present a student with this scholarship that is majoring in Agricultural or a related field.

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Keeping feet warm

Dear Heloise: I have found a great way to warm my feet when I get into bed that I find preferable to wearing socks or using a hot water bottle. I put dried beans in a long, unworn tube sock and then tie it off. (I use pinto beans.) I microwave the sock of beans until they are warm and place them under the sheets near my feet. I can easily push them away when my feet are warm enough, which I sometimes do before I fall asleep, and other times, I do it later in the night. I have been using the same sock and beans for the past couple of years and haven't seen a need to replace it, yet.

A heated tube sock of beans also feels great on the shoulders to help relax the muscles. I also use one or two to warm my hands while I sit and watch TV. Sometimes, I put one on my chest, too. That, with a blanket, helps me to get warm quickly. Without it/them, it can take hours for me to warm up. After years of often feeling cold, I have found this method to be a lifesaver. Thank you. -- Lisa Griessler, via email

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



Wipe with a clean cloth. They will look good.

Vinegar is such an indispensable and safe household product, which can be used for cleaning, deodorizing and cooking, as you have discovered. To learn more, check out my pamphlet full of ways to use vinegar. Get a copy by visiting www.heloise.com or by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (78 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To kill unwanted grass between sidewalks or steppingstones, spray on, or pour atop, full-strength vinegar. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is Mingo, a Siamese mix who I adopted from R.E.A.L. Cruzen Cats, a rescue that traps and homes feral cats in St. Croix. She loves feather wands and purrs nonstop! Also, just wanted to mention a tip about peanut butter on bananas as a dog treat: Always make sure it doesn't contain xylitol, which is deadly to dogs. -- Carol, Exeter, North Hampshire

Readers, to see Mingo 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

PIZZA PAN

Dear Heloise: I had an old, ratty-looking pizza pan that I was planning to throw out when an idea came to me. I took some leftover white paint and painted it with two coats of paint.

After that had dried, I bought some stickers of flowers and arranged them in clusters around the surface of the painted pan. Then I used two coats of a clear, non-yellowing varnish. When we had a party, I placed a fruit pie, a plate of cupcakes and a cake stand with a chocolate cake on the old painted pizza pan. It's a great way to show off dessert and a good way to repurpose something I might have tossed out. -- Emily N., New Haven, Connecticut

PREVENTING MOLD ON CHEESE

Dear Heloise: A helpful hint I would like to pass along: To prevent mold from growing on bricks of cheese, do not touch them with your fingers when cutting or grating. Use the wrapper or plastic wrap where you hold on to the cheese. This hint, passed along from my neighbor, has saved me both money and frustration. -- Jo-Ann Donaghy, Irvine, California

CLEANING PLASTIC FLOWERS

Dear Readers: When you are cleaning artificial flowers (plastic, not silk), mix three parts water with one part vinegar in a spray bottle and spray the artificial flowers.

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

THIS WEEK

Bedford County Fair

The Bedford County Fair is in progress through Saturday, July 23, at Bedford County Agriculture Center. See bedfordcountynfair.org or call 931-684-0239.

MONDAY

Democratic Women

Bedford County Democratic Women will meet at noon on Monday, July 25 at Woodfork Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1011 Lipscomb St. The program will be presented by Dr. Laura Monks, President of Tennessee College of Applied Technology, Shelbyville.

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

Backpack giveaway

Free backpacks will be given to school-aged children Friday, July 29, at H.V. Griffin Park by The Center for Family Development and the Johnson Family Foundation. The event begins at 10 a.m. Backpacks will be distributed at 1 p.m. following a free lunch.

Fish fry

Rosenwald Community Center, 516 Tillman St., is holding a fish fry Saturday,

July 30 at 10:30 a.m. Plates including a sandwich with beans and cole slaw will be available. Call 931-684-5160 with pre-orders.

Flat Creek ice cream supper

Flat Creek Community Center's annual ice cream supper will be Saturday, July 30 from 4-7 p.m. Hamburgers, baked beans, chips, drink, dessert and ice cream will be available for \$8.

JULY 31

New Bethel singing

New Bethel Baptist Church, 1832 Highway 64 West, will be having a 5th Sunday Community Singing on July 31 at 5 p.m. A meal will follow the singing.

AUG. 3

Blood Drive

First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brittain St., is hosting a community blood drive Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For an appointment, call 931-684-6541.

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

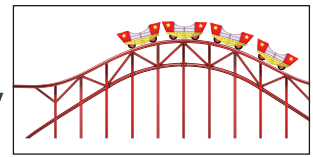
The Lanier Family Reunion Committee's annual fish fry and auction will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Eagleville Community Center, 317 Highway 99.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Holidays						
4th - Independence Day						



honors Townsend High School, Winchester's Black high school which closed with integration in 1966.

or contact Kim Nash at Shelbyville Police Department, 931-684-5811. The first 100 signups will receive a bag of goodies.

AUG. 15

Democratic meeting

The Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at El Mexico. at 724 N. Main St.

SEPT. 15

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.

SEPT. 24

Police Fun Run

Shelbyville Police Benevolent Association will have its annual "Run Like You Stole Something" Fun Run fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 a.m. at Shelbyville Central High School. Sign up at https://www.reg2run.com/index.php/event_details/327

Aviation Day at Shelbyville airport

Shelbyville Aviation Day will be Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Shelbyville Municipal Airport. Admission is free. Vintage airplanes, drones, and food vendors will be on the grounds.

ONGOING

Shelbyville 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.

TBI releases 2021 'Crime in Tennessee'

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has released its 2021 'Crime in Tennessee' publication, which details the volume and nature of crime, as reported by the state's law enforcement agencies. The report compiles data submitted to TBI through the Tennessee Incident-Based Reporting System (TIBRS.)

Among the report's findings:

- A total of 502,706 Group A (typically the most serious) offenses were reported in 2021, decreasing 1.38% from 2020.
- 132,253 Group A arrests were made in 2021, of which 7.65% were juveniles.
- The crime rate per 100,000 for Group A

offenses was 7,207.

•There was a total of 18,757 DUI arrests in 2021, an increase of 3.03% from 2020.

"The TIBRS program continues to serve as a model for the nation and remains successful because of the continued cooperation by Tennessee's law enforcement community," said TBI Director David

Rausch. "TBI remains committed to this effort and will continue to provide the training and technical assistance necessary to collect the most accurate and comprehensive crime statistics for Tennessee and its citizens."

The full report is now available on TBI's website

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LEFT: Freda Head, Kay Simmons, Ann Johnson, Faye Sudberry

HORTICULTURE WINNERS

ABOVE: Jo Cathy, Kay Simmons, Freda Head. Janie Burke, Faye Sudberry, Babs Chicoine

Submitted Photos

FOR COUNTY STAFF

RIGHT: A floral presentation was recently made by Shelbyville Garden Club to Shelbyville-Bedford County Library staff. Accepting the flowers from club president Babs Chicoine was Linda Jones.



FOR THE LIBRARY

FAR RIGHT: Babs Chicoine makes a floral presentation to Anna Frazier for the Bedford County Mayor's Office. Shelbyville Garden Club shows its appreciation each month by brightening local offices with their floral arrangements.



Teens charged after United Methodist leader is killed

By ADRIAN SAINZ
 Associated Press

MEMPHIS — A 15-year-old boy was charged Tuesday with murder in the fatal shooting of a pastor and leader of the United Methodist Church during a carjacking in Memphis.

The Rev. Autura Eason-Williams was shot Monday afternoon outside of her home, the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church said. She was found in her driveway with multiple gunshot wounds, Memphis police said.

Eason-Williams was taken to a hospital, where she died, police said on Twitter.

At a news conference Tuesday, Memphis Police Director Cerelyn "CJ" Davis said three juveniles had been taken into custody as people of interest in what she called a "heinous killing."

After the juveniles were questioned, a 15-year-old boy was charged with first-degree murder, murder in the perpetration of a robbery, especially aggravated robbery, carjacking and a weapons offense, Memphis police said late Tuesday.

Also, a 16-year-old boy was charged with theft of property between \$2,500 and \$10,000. A 17-year-old boy was released without charges, police said.

Video footage showed that the pastor was approached by two males while she was in her Chevrolet Malibu. The teens pointed a gun at her and ordered her from the car, police said.

The video also showed that Eason-Williams was shot and one of the teens drove away in her vehicle, police said.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church's message will be "The Call to Grow In Christ." The service will be livestreamed.

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" (Psalm 139:14) will be the sermon at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. Services are livestreamed.

Grace Baptist Church's message will be "The Great White Throne Judgment" (Rev. 20:11-15).

New Bethel Baptist Church, 1832 Highway 64 West, will be having a 5th Sunday Community Singing on July 31 at 5 p.m. A meal will follow the singing.

Church of Christ

Bell Buckle Church of Christ's Sunday School topic at 9 a.m. will be "A Barren Mother of Children" (Isaiah 54); the 10 a.m. sermon, "The Rooster and The Axe" (Mark chapter 14); the 5 p.m. sermon, Simple Complexity (Matthew 5).

"Jesus, Consistent in Purpose (Luke 11:53,54)" will be the message Sunday morning at **Southside Church of Christ**. The Summer Series continues Wednesday with Tommy Hodges speaking on "Fellowship which helps a brother in need." Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

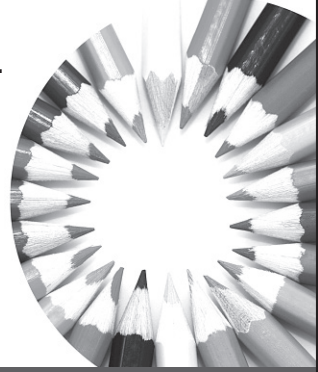
Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's message will focus on Colossians 2:6-19.

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VANDERBILT HEALTH

Avoid heat-related illness

By **LORI M. LIGGIN**
Nurse practitioner at
Vanderbilt Integrated
Primary Care in Unionville

School is almost back in session and with it comes after school sports practice and increased physical activity outdoors. This time of year, there's a higher risk of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat-related illness occurs on a spectrum but, in its worst form, it can cause disability and even death. Heat-related illness is preventable.

Athletes and families playing outdoors should take extra precautions to stay cool and familiarize themselves with the symptoms of heat-related illness and prevention. Heat exhaustion is the body's response to a significant loss of water and salt, usually through excessive sweating.

Signs of heat exhaustion include rapid heart rate, light-headedness, vomiting, fatigue and feeling weak. Despite these symptoms, an individual with heat exhaustion maintains a normal mental state.

If an athlete or family member starts to experience these symptoms, get them to a cool place quickly and have them rehydrate with water or a sports drink. Monitor them carefully and if symptoms persist or worsen, seek medical attention.

Heat stroke is often the



LORI M. LIGGIN

progression of heat exhaustion and occurs when the body can no longer regulate its temperature properly and the core internal body temperature reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

It can be caused by a number of factors including strenuous exercise, being in high heat and humidity for an extended period of time and dehydration. Certain medications, sickle cell disease, obesity, heavy uniforms, fever or even prior heat illness can also be factors.

Symptoms of heat stroke include increased heart rate, disorientation, altered mental status and loss of consciousness. If an individual experiences these symptoms,



It is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate medical attention. If possible, submerge the individual in an ice bath until EMS arrives. If brought to the Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital for a heat-related illness, medical professionals will administer IV fluids depending on your level of dehydration, check your electrolyte levels and conduct blood work. For athletes practicing sports after school or families doing physical activity outdoors, take time to acclimate to the weather and hydrate properly.

Take adequate breaks and eat healthy snacks and meals throughout the day. Watch the weather forecast for high temperatures and heat advisories.

Avoid the outdoors between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and plan your workouts and strenuous physical activity during sunrise or sunset.

Madge Cares celebrates 80th

Family hosts celebration

QUEEN OF ROCK 'N ROLL



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Keith and Lindsey Wortham provided music from different genres during the birthday party of Madge Parker Cares last Saturday. It was noted that she likes songs by the rock group, Fleetwood Mac. Some of her nieces and nephews also presented special music and read poems about "Aunt Madge."

DANCIN' QUEEN



Madge, who was the youngest of 12 children born to Odie and Pearl Parker and wife of Chuck Cares, danced Saturday night with grandson, Zeke Grissom.

QUEEN AUNT



This octogenarian—one full of life and love—says she cherishes every moment she gets to spend with family and friends. While she makes her home currently in Murfreesboro, Madge keeps up with family and events, she says, through the Times-Gazette.

CANDY QUEEN



Madge Parker Cares, who grew up in Beech Grove, was honored at Bell Buckle Banquet Hall last Saturday with an 80th birthday party. She was named "Candy Queen," as for years she's made fudge and divinity for her family and friends.

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 Dustin Cody Carter, Brandi Lynn Carter, Brandi L. Green to Beverly Majerczak—\$295,000, 0 acres, Doak St.
 Kendrick M. Russell, Melissa K. Russell to Kenneth Anderson, Kristal Anderson—\$360,000, 0 acres, Valley Rd.
 Scottie Ray Pendergrast, Kelly Christine Pendergrast to Wendi Eccles, Todd Eccles—\$460,000, 0 acres, Pinkston Rd.
 Caleb Gale Hixon, Kyungah Kim, Galen Hixon to Caleb Gale Hixon, Kyngah Kim—\$10, 0 acres, Pickle St.
 Zollie David Bailiff, Lynda Faye Whitaker, Mary Helen Alexanderer, Annie Lee Warren, Linda Faye Curtis to Zollie David Bailiff, Lynda Faye Whitaker, Mary Helen Alexander—0 money, 5.02 acres, Harrison Rd.
 Lynda Faye Whitaker, Mary Helen Alexander, Zollie David Bailiff, Annie Lee Warren, Linda Faye Curtis, Lynda Faye Curtis to Zollie David Bailiff—0 money, 0 acres, no address
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Jacqueline Marie Bennett, Oliverio Carbajal Ugarte—\$236,000, 0 acres, Dogwood CT Patrick O.
 Ridner, Mikeesha D. Ridner to Pablo A. Vilchez—\$500,000, 0 acres, Quince Tree Ct.
 Mary Ann Harrison, William H. Ragland to Dawn J. Craig, David M. Craig—\$705,000, 24.03 acres, Hwy 130
 Ole South Properties Inc. to Oluyomi O. Ajeneye, Samuel Kissiedu—\$350,711, 0 acres, no address
 Ole South Properties Inc. to Jennifer Ann Bowman, Garrett Austin Bowman—\$362,509, 0 acres, no address
 Timothy L. Looney, Jennie Looney to Jeff Tracy, Corina Tracy—\$519,000, 5.1 acres, Jack Pickle Lane
 Bradley David, Elsa Davis to Wayne Neese—\$261,000, 0.9 acres, Old Flat Creek Rd.
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Thomas Emery Steffner III, Kaly Elizabeth Steffner—\$292,000, 0 acres, East Bomar Ct.
 Bedford Development LLC to Ole South Properties Inc.—0 money, 0 acres, no address
 Abdallah Omar Alhamad to Ocean Trades Inc.—\$900,000, 17.71 acres, Gregory Mill Rd.
 Robert William Beech to Scott N. Allen—\$460,000, 5.01 acres, Warner Bridge Rd.
 Gina Paige Beech to Connie A. Allen—0 money, 0 acres, no address
 Jeffrey K. Charles, Ashlee Charles to Matthew A. Westberry, Lavetta F. Westberry—\$290,000, 0 acres, Tines Dr.
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Joseph A. Messina—\$234,900, 0 acres, Dogwood Ct.
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Ami R. Morris, Andrew J. Morris—\$300,000, 0 acres, East Bomar Ct.
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Christopher Alan Balazi, Cheryl Ann Balazi—\$289,900, E. Bomar Ct..
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Andrew B. Hammerstone—\$289,900, 0 acres, E. Bomar Ct.
 Chuck Hutchinson to David Hoffman, Ellen Hoffman—0 money, 0 acres, Staley Rd.
 JP Investment Group LLC to Yolanda Iiva Martinez—\$199,000, 0.2 acres, Morton St.
 Pedro A De Leon, Eduardo Aguirre, Jorge Quezada to Lu Selene Huerta Estrada, Sergio Mata Fuentes—\$315,000, 0 acres, Redbud Ln.
 Karl S. Levy Jr., Debbie Levy to Justin M. Galloway, Megan T. Galloway—\$675,000, 2.75 acres, no address
 Terri Lynn Bunnell to William Chase Carter—\$175,000, 5.4 acres, Fairfield Pike
 Lisa M. Mavey to Kopley Properties LLC—

\$205,000, 18.13 acres, Cortner Rd.
 Shelbyville City Of Bedford County TN to Selbyville Bedford Community Foundation Inc.—0 money, 0 acres, Frank Martin Rd.
 Shelbyville Bedford Community Foundation to Industrial Development Board Of The City Of Shelbyville Incorporated—0 money, 0 acres, Frank Martin Rd.
 Robert Gongola to Shelley K. Jones, Phillip H. Jones—\$140,000 0 acres, no address
 KHI Corp. to Steven L. Mastin—\$179,900, 0 acres, Main St.
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Susana Irias Donaghey, Johnnie Lee Donaghey—\$289,900, 0 acres, East Bomar Ct.
 Camilla Michelle Brown to Estil Benford Brown—0 money, 5.91 acres, Hickerson Rd.
 Crystal L. Sudberry, James E. Farrar Jr. to Evelyn E. Kerr—\$370,000, 0.43 acres, Jefferson St.
 Shelbyville Lane LLC, Cary Craig to Trevor Arnold, Travis Arnold, Colton Arnold, Caleb Anderson Arnold—\$550,000, 1.68 acres, Davis Lane
 Holly Mahaffey, Kacy Mahaffey to Chadra D. Cox, Michael T. Cox—\$410,000, 5.01 acres, Lake Elaine Rd.
 Corey Thomas Mullins to Offerpad SPE Borrower A LLC—\$219,500, 0 acres, Creekside Ln
 Jose Gomez to Jose Gomez, Christian Gomez, Juan Pablo Gomez—0 money, 0 acres, Myers St.
 Benton R. Poore, Janice P. Poore to Eric Bowser, Tia Bowser—\$208,000, 0 acres, no address
 Tristan T. Solomon, Kaitlyn Solomon to Terry David Davenport Jr.—\$323,800, 0.68 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.
 Pamarc LLC, Ascot LLC to Colin Gabhart, Thomas Gabhart—\$178,000, 0 acres, Webb Rd.
 Jim Edmond Guthrie to Eleazar Cruz—\$110,000, 2.61 acres, Davis Lane
 Black Diamond Construction to Kelly L. Bohlman—\$329,900, 0 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.
 Jorge Alberto Soto Espinoza to Ruben Soto—\$25,000, 1 acre, no address
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Jean P. Delgado Tirado, Yxanaeli Cumba Flores—\$290,000, 0 acres, E. Bomar Ct.
 Robert Knight, Betti Ann Knight to Daniel Nathan Howard Moore, Kelly Kristine Moore—\$645,000, 0 acres, Meadowlark Dr.
 Alicia R. Camilo to Bobby F. Patterson, Caitlin M. Jenkins Patterson—\$605,000, 2 acres, Lamb Rd.
 Pamela Parsons Galbreth, Gail D. Parsons, Fayne H. Parsons III, Timothy Daniel Parsons, Fayne Holt Parsons, Fayne H. Parsons to Pamela Parsons Galbreth—0 money, 11.24 acres, no address
 Pamela Parson Galbreth, Gail D. Parsons, Fayne H. Parsons III, Timothy Daniel Parsons, Fayne Holt Parsons, Fayne H. Parsons to Fayne H. Parson III—0 money, 38.19 acres, no address
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Fighters turn rage toward police

By DAVID MELSON
 dmelson@t-g.com

Three suspects allegedly raged at Shelbyville officers attempting to arrest them Tuesday night at a Madison Street apartment complex.

Police were told up to five people were fighting. The police report didn't indicate what the fight was about, as those involved turned their anger toward arriving officers.

Kwamayne M. Cooks, 20, allegedly demanded police leave the premises and resisted being handcuffed. Officers Brad Evans and Andrew Le Roy were able to get Cooks cuffed, but he kept fighting and refusing to walk to a patrol car, the report said.

Elijah Matthew Hinojosa, 22, began fighting Officer Brandon Paslay over Cooks' arrest. Paslay, Le Roy and Officer Sam Campbell were able to handcuff Hinojosa, who allegedly tried to kick out the rear window of a patrol car while screaming that police are "corrupt." Hinojosa spat in the face of an officer while attempting to bite him, the report said.

Gillian Dunaway, 19, allegedly struck Paslay in the back of his head from behind and tried to knock him down during the struggle with Hinojosa, then ran to a nearby apartment.

Hinojosa and Dunaway were charged with assault on an officer and all three were charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Bonds were set at \$26,500 for all.

Burglaries

A homeless man was charged with stealing a guitar and speaker Monday from a home on Blue Ribbon Parkway.

A witness told police he saw Kristopher Paul Henson, 34, carrying the guitar and pushing the large speaker into a trailer park on Barksdale Lane.

Henson was identified by police from a photo the witness made of the suspect. Police arrested Henson a few hours later after he allegedly entered an East Cedar Street home of a man he didn't know and went to sleep. Questioning about the other incident led to Henson's charges of aggravated criminal trespassing, aggravated burglary and theft of property under \$1,000. He was held on \$13,000 bond.

Officers also investigated a report of a man repeatedly breaking into a vacant home on North Main Street and using the shower over the past three weeks.

Also reported to area law enforcement:

•A woman walked up to a Weedeater next to a Ray Street home Monday afternoon, left with it and told an inquiring neighbor it was hers, police said.

She was described as white with blonde hair and driving a silver Pontiac Grand Am.

•A 2015 Nissan Versa was reported stolen Monday from a Carney Street home.

The owner told police family members stole the car and headed to Texas while he was in jail.

•A flatbed utility trailer containing a generator was stolen from property on Henderson Road between late April and early last week, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said.

Suspects were named.

•Tools and a television set were stole from a home on Himesville Road between Sunday night and Tuesday.

•The center cap was sto-

len from a truck wheel at a June Avenue home Monday night.

The owner told police three white men were around the truck, one of who made an obscene gesture before they all ran upon seeing him.

Naked truth

A woman was arrested for allegedly exposing herself in front of a Kingree Road day care center Wednesday.

Rachel Gregory Gotham, 30, of White Street, "acted like nothing was wrong" when Officer Jerry Lawrence tried to convince her to clothe herself.

Officers wrapped Gotham in a blanket and said she was "obviously under the influence of a substance." She was charged with indecent exposure and public intoxication.

Drug charge

A man identified as Noah Jackson was cited on drug charges after being stopped shortly before midnight Tuesday for driving without lights on North Main Street.

Officer Darrian Lanier said in his report he smelled marijuana and found a total of 2.70 grams of marijuana in the vehicle.

Jackson was charged with simple possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of the vehicle light law.

Jail intake

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

•Kobe Ryan Arnold, 21, Central Avenue; burglary, criminal impersonation, introduction of drug paraphernalia into penal institution; held, no bond

•Jocelyn Myra Aue, 19, Rabbit Run; harassment; summons issued

•Wilson Cinto, 31, West End Circle; interference with emergency calls, criminal impersonation, failure to appear, domestic assault; held, no bond

•Kwamayne M. Cooks, 20, Madison Street; dis-

orderly conduct, resisting arrest; held, \$26,500 bond

•Kenneth Lee Currier, 32, Fairground Heights; (First arrest) financial responsibility, registration violation, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on suspended license; released, \$250 bond (Second arrest) simple possession of schedule II drug; \$1,000 bond, held for Putnam County

•Troy Flores Sanchez, 60, Carney Street; driving on suspended license, speeding; released, no bond

•Celina Fonseca Barranco, 45, Sun Circle; driving on suspended license, failure to maintain lane; summons issued

•Gillian Dunaway, 19, Madison Street; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, assault on officer; held, \$26,500 bond

•Ricky J. Freeman, 43, Martha Street; criminal trespassing, bondsman surrender; held, \$250 bond

•Jacob Garvin, 41, Barksdale Lane; failure to appear; held, \$250 bond

•Rachel Gregory Gotham, 30, White Street; public intoxication, indecent exposure; held, \$2,000 bond

•Russ Shelby Harris Jr., 40, Manchester; failure to appear, bench warrant; held, \$50,000 bond

•Kristopher Paul Henson, 34, homeless, Shelbyville; aggravated criminal trespassing, aggravated burglary, theft of property under \$1,000; held, \$13,000 bond

•Branda Marie Hillis, 39, Thompson Road; speeding, drag racing; summons issued

•Elijah Matthew Hinojosa, 22, Madison Street; assault on officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest; held, \$26,500 bond

•George Michael Holder, 41, Old Columbia Road; criminal impersonation, stalking; released, \$15,000 bond

•Alfredo Leal Garcia, 30, Manchester; due care, no proof of insurance, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; summons issued

•Brandon Dwayne Lenon, 24, East Parkway; driving on suspended license, running red light; summons issued

•Jacinto Bello Loyola, 48, Wade Drive; due care, no driver's license/exhib-

ited on demand; summons issued

•Bradley Rashard McGee, 45, Tullahoma; violation of probation, failure to appear; held, \$5,000 bond

•Shirley Ann Mullican, 33, Barksdale Lane; driving on suspended license, failure to appear, probation violation (two counts), failure to appear; held, \$10,000 bond

•Mark Kelly Olson II, 19, Hart Road; domestic assault (two counts); released, \$1,000 bond

•Florencia Ortiz Castro, 26, Warners Bridge Road; no driver's license, light law, financial responsibility; summons issued

•Rosson Anthony Pickett, 29, Halls Mill Road; aggravated assault on first responder (two counts), evading arrest, resisting stop/frisk/halt/arrest/search, possession of gun during dangerous felony, felon in possession of weapon; held, \$125,000 bond

•Eddie Dorris Ray, 67, Plum Hill Road; criminal trespassing; held, \$500 bond

•Janet Rodriguez, 41, Hilltop Drive; driving on suspended license (third offense), registration violation; summons issued

•Jerome Thomas Sobrowski III, 45, Nashville; possession of drug paraphernalia; summons issued

•Reuben Starnes Sr., 69, Barksdale Lane; driving on revoked license; summons issued

•Zachary Alexander Stepanov, 20, Dow Drive; speeding, possession of schedule 6 drug, due care, leaving scene of accident, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; summons issued

•Deanna Kay Sudberry, 50, Anthony Lane; probation revocation; released on recognizance

•Jacklynnne Diana Taylor, 43, Horseshoe Drive; financial exploitation of elderly, theft of property; released, \$10,000 bond

•Rodney Allen Underwood, 40, Naron Road; financial responsibility, registration law, driving on suspended license; released, \$1,000 bond

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Taste and See

I worked as an orderly at a nursing home when I was a teenager, and I met a woman there named Minnie.

Minnie had a great personality, she was fun-loving, and was a joy to care for.

Numerous times during the day, I would be called to come and help the nurse from her bed to her chair and back again.

Minnie was pretty chubby, "fluffy," and had only one leg so she couldn't help much in the transfer. But she made our job easier by being lighthearted and telling jokes along the way, from chair to bed, from bed to chair.

She had some interesting tastes in her special treats, too.

Minnie always had a supply of horehound drops and pickled pig's feet in her room.

She would order them from a shop in town and they would deliver them to her.

Minnie got me to taste her favorite food items one day.

They tasted different than anything I had ever had up to that point in my life, but I thought they were kind of good.

The fact that I tasted her horehound drops and pickled pig's feet and didn't spit them back out made Minnie happy... She smiled and laughed... And that made me happy. And then I smiled and laughed.

I have enjoyed many different taste-treats over the years.

Growing up in a predominantly Scandinavian community in North Dakota, I had my share of interesting things to eat.

I have always enjoyed blood sausage.

It is exactly what the name implies, sausage made from blood; cow's blood, if I remember right.

My mother would fry it in butter, and then my brothers and I would devour piece after piece. Not my sisters, though.

Another family favorite was milk dumplings: big, thick drop dumplings boiled in milk.

My mother's second husband, Archie (not a Scandinavian), was not a connoisseur of Norwegian delights. He refused to eat either blood sausage or milk dumplings.

Archie said there was absolutely no nutritional value in those things, and he refused to eat them.

But, I loved milk dumplings and blood sausage. I would love to have some today.

Lutefisk and lelse is another Norwegian favorite

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Enjoying life on the farm in Petersburg are Jessica, Huck, Matt, Hayden, and Henry Waid.

The biggest 'little' farm: Big Oak

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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Organic farming is a lot of hand-picking, according to Jessica Waid of Big Oak Farm in Petersburg.

"It is more challenging, but we did a lot of research in 2017 when we started all this on how food is raised, and it's very expensive to buy organic produce at the grocery store," she said. "We wanted to grow it for ourselves. But we also wanted to provide our community with it. It was important for us to be able to provide that at a price we could afford."

They've been cultivating their seven acres since then and have expanded to include a store and even a food truck called Farm to Fork.

But there are challenges to running the biggest little farm. "We lose a lot of crops," said Matt Waid, Jessica's husband.

"We have to physically go through and find leaves that have squash bug eggs on them, for example, tear those leaves off, and get rid of them, take them completely off the property," said Jessica.

It's not profitable to keep that crop, so they have to take it out and start a new one. At a certain point, you have to spray it with pesticide.

But they're organic. So, if they do spray, the Waid's will spray something organic based such as fish emulsion or fish poop, Jessica joked. It's high in nitrogen and is great for anything that's leafy.

The Waid's four sons Hayden,

Henry, Harvey, and Huck enjoy the bug hunting, too.

"Hayden is my tomato pest control," Jessica said.

"He likes to find army worms, horn worms, cut worms, and he pulls them apart, typical boy-fashion," Jessica said with a laugh.

The Waid's also grow cut flowers which bring in beneficial bugs essentially good bugs that kill the bad bugs, Matt explained. For example, lace-wing bugs on the tomato plants like to feed on the bad bugs.

"Something else that we're learning...We try not to disturb the soil the most we can because that protects the worms," Jessica said.

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Minions

I'm not ashamed to say it. I like the Minions.

For those not aware of them, and how could you not be since they have been in so many commercials the last couple of months, Minions are little yellow characters who speak their own language, wear goggles for no reason and like dressing in blue overalls.

I wanted to see Minions: The Rise of Gru when it was at the Capri Theater. It is the prequel to Despicable Me and Despicable Me 2.

But I didn't want to go alone. Thankfully, my daughter, who I raised to be an avid movie fan, suggested we go. I jumped at the chance.

Some friends of mine from high school were there in the lobby. But they quickly reminded me they were there with their grandchildren.

As I said, I was not embarrassed to proclaim out loud I am a Minions' fan. Their appearance in a Liberty Mutual Insurance commercial when an angler catches their submarine makes me laugh every time I see it.

The Minions are chaotic — a comedic combination of the Marx Brothers and Three Stooges. They can be as expressive as Harpo Marx, who never said a word in a Marx Brothers film, with just a look. Or they can be entertaining for their lack of physical skills like Moe, Larry and Curly and later Shemp and Curly Joe of the Stooges.

As Phil Edwards points out in his extensive Minions article for vox.com they are "earnestly driven by the desire to serve an evil boss (Gru) though they often screw up because they're selfish, easily distracted and generally inept."

All those things combine to make them even more hilarious in their often misguided efforts to succeed.

The language they speak is voiced in this film by one person — Pierre Coffin. In an article on Buzzfeed he calls the gibberish "a mixture of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Italian, French and Spanish."

In the article Coffin adds "the backstory for the Minions is they are an ancient and prehistoric who have served masters across the world." Hence the mixture of languages.

The Minions are no longer on the screen at the Capri. But they should be on movie streaming services if you missed them. Get the family together and sit back and watch. The only complaint you will have is the movie, which also features the voices of Steve Carell, Alan Arkin

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FAMILY CELEBRATION



Joining Mark McGee at the Tennessee Sports Writers Association (TSWA) Hall of Fame induction ceremony recently was his mother, Margaret McGee, his daughter, Sarah Margaret McGee, and his father, Mitchell McGee. Mark was a sportswriter for many years at the former Nashville Banner in Nashville and continues writing today for various media outlets, including the Times-Gazette.

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Sportswriters honored into Hall of Fame

Shelbyville's Mark McGee inducted 2022 TSWA CLASS

A man whose basketball yearbook is an annual guide to the sport, a man who chronicled six of Pat Summitt's eight national championships and helped break the news of her career-ending disease and a man who has written for a variety of Tennessee outlets over his long career are the newest members of the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's Hall of Fame. Chris Dortch, Dan Fleser and Shelbyville's own Mark McGee were recently elected into the TSWA's Class of 2022.

The 2022 class induction was held July 14 in Alumni Hall at Cumberland University in Lebanon. Joe Williams, a Nashville sports personality, was master of ceremonies.

McGee honored

Mark McGee graduated from then-David Lipscomb College in 1979 and went to work for the Nashville Banner in November 1981 as a sportswriter after serving his second stint as a photographer for Opryland USA. He covered Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Tennessee State, the Nashville Sounds and city colleges.

McGee received a Knight Center Fellow in The Business of Sports in 1992 from the University of Maryland.

He was a senior writer when he left the Banner in June 1994. McGee covered the Nashville Predators, the Nashville Kats and the Tennessee Titans in his work for the Nashville City Paper, Sports Nashville, Nashville Sports Weekly and Titans Exclusive.

He also worked on a law degree at the Nashville School of Law, where he graduated in 1988.

He is a three-time presenter at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture at the Baseball Hall of Fame. In June 1994, he became editor of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, a job he held until February 2003. He transitioned to director of media relations for Lipscomb University athletics in August 2002, a position he held through May 2017. McGee also earned a master's in conflict man-

agement in 2017 from Lipscomb. McGee has received numerous writing awards, including a national first place and a national second place from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA.) He currently is an adjunct professor in communications at Lipscomb and executive director of the United Way of Bedford County since 2018.

He also is a regular contributor to the Times-Gazette, the Walking Horse Report, Lipscombsports.com and Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture.

Dortch honored

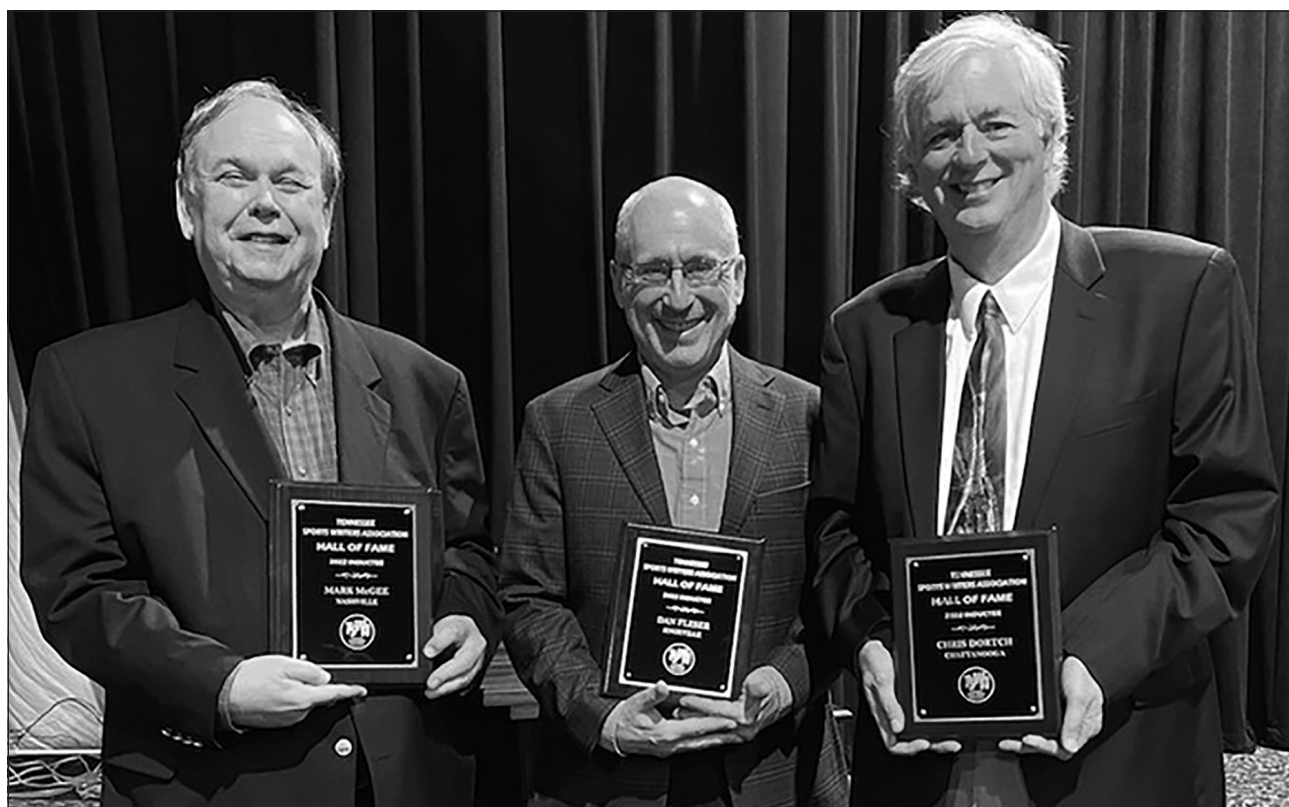
Chris Dortch is a native of Illinois who grew up watching Missouri Valley and Big Ten basketball games and reading the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He started college at George Mason before graduating from East Tennessee State. Dortch was a sports writer for the Kingsport Times-News from 1978-82 and sports editor of the Johnson City Press from 1982-86. He was a columnist and Tennessee basketball and golf beat writer for the Chattanooga Times from 1987-99.

He became editor of the Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook in 1996 before taking over as publisher.

Dortch also has written for Sports Illustrated, NBA.com, SECdigitalnetwork.com, is a contributing editor for Tennessee Golf Quarterly and has written six books, including "String Music: Inside the Rise of SEC Basketball." He also has been a commentator on the NBA draft for NBA TV and Fox Sports South and has had stints on BTN, Big Ten Basketball and Beyond. Dortch has taught at ETSU and also the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Fleser honored

A graduate of the University of Missouri journalism school, Dan Fleser worked at the newspaper in Columbia, Mo., while still in college. He also worked at his hometown paper in Grand Rapids, Mich.



Tennessee Sports Writers Association recently held its annual Hall of Fame induction and awards ceremony at Alumni Hall at Cumberland University in Lebanon. From left, Shelbyville's own, Mark McGee, a 2022 inductee, along with Dan Fleser and Chris Dortch.

LIPSCOMB FRIENDS



Mark McGee's Lipscomb friends turned out for his recent TSWA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. From left, director of athletics Philip Hutcheson, Paul Nance, Andy Lane, honoree McGee, Kirk Downs, Jimmy McCollum and Russell Vannozi. McGee also received a third place award in Division Four for Sports Media Relations Directors for Best Feature.

He joined the San Jose Mercury-News, covering the San Francisco Giants beat along with San Jose State and the Mountain West Conference. Dan came to the Knoxville News-Sentinel in 1988 and remained until 2019.

Fleser's primary responsibility most of that time was Lady Vols basketball, a beat he owned. In short,

no print journalist in the country was more connected to women's college basketball than Fleser. He covered six of Summitt's eight NCAA championships. He was present everywhere Pat took the team to promote the women's game, from Storrs, Conn., to Vermont, Montana, Spokane or Chicago.

He remains in touch

with Lady Vols from the past 30 years, who appreciate his contributions. When Summitt revealed her diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's, two journalists were invited to her house for the announcement: biographer Sally Jenkins of the Washington Post and Fleser.

He covered UT baseball, helped with UT

football and was an indispensable desk cog on prep football Friday nights. He was also a foot soldier at numerous Spring Flings.

In 1992, Fleser joined the Scripps Howard team at the Barcelona Olympics. He has been honored by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and, in 2021, by the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATION NEWS



Rotarian Warren Wells, left, CEO of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, filled in fellow club members on walking horse news. Barbara Blanton, center, was the program facilitator. Darin Hasty, right, is club president.

Does your hometown stink?

According to the Washington Examiner, 2022 has handed New York City an alarming spike in citizen complaints about outdoor odors.

("I hope you appreciate me doing my civic duty. It's not easy to use a cellphone to make a 311 call and publicly urinate at the same time. Oops... sorry, graffiti.")

Mayor Eric Adams has promised a new garbage bin program, brand-new street sweepers and additional restrooms; but I wonder how committed he truly is. Adams is on the record opining that the main thing HE smells permeating the city is marijuana. Actual quote: "It's like everybody's smoking a joint now."

Wow. That's not exactly the sort of folksy assessment one would expect from the mayor of Mayberry. Of course, times change. ("Welcome to Mayberry. Otis Campbell will not be riding a cow today, but I did see him purchasing a saddle for a giant rat. Guard your pizza.")

The Big Apple's plight

has made me curious about your own corner of the world. How does your city, town or hamlet rank in the aroma area? Would the air delight the nostrils of tourists, or would it make their olfactory cells migrate down to their feet? ("Not thrilled with the bunions, but at least there are Odor Eaters down here.")

Most of us take immense pride in our hometowns and would vehemently object if an outsider offered a critique. ("Oh, yeah? Those are fighting words, buddy! Those are fighting... *wheeze* *hack* *cough*...")

Municipal leaders are loathe to make public statements about local shortcomings, so they employ more subtle maneuvers. That's why the city boasting the World's Largest Ball of Double-Sided Tape morphed into the city boasting the World's Largest Can of Febreze without any fanfare.

Communities that do acknowledge chronic odor problems have their own unique backstory. Maybe it's inadequate

storm drains, improperly disposed toxic chemicals, a sulfur-laced water supply, agricultural runoff, the perfect storm of 500 uncles simultaneously perpetrating the "pull my finger" gag or something else.

Let's not forget the quaint Hallmark movie villages. ("The series about the perky crash-test-dummy-turned-sleuth got canceled, and we forgot to tell the corpse actors they could go home. Ewww...")

My hometown had a stockyard right off the public square when I was growing up, and the county trustee recently jogged my memories about the noxious smoke that used to waft from the old city dump; but I don't really have a lot of negative observations about current conditions.

On the other hand, after nearly 30 years, my wife still complains about the overpowering smell of empty liquor bottles set out for garbage collection on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. (Hey, there's a reason no there is ever started "There is a house in New Orleans/It reeks of pumpkin spice...")



Nor has she forgotten the largescale gospel singing event that was marred by the presence of a ripe cow carcass on a nearby farm. The incident helped me brainstorm several new hymns, including "What A Friend We Have in Clothespins," "When the Saints Go Staggering In" and "Swing Low, Sweet Airplane Oxygen Mask!"

Let me know if your community stinks (and not in the "there's nothing to do in this one-horse town and one family runs everything" sense). I want air-quality reports!

But if you're reading this in The City That Never Sleeps, please wipe off the Cheetos dust first.

"It's like everybody's got the munchies now."
 - Danny Tyree
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Hayden walks through the designated pathways of the garden.



Hayden is his mom's bug hunter.



Some of Jessica's handmade soaps

Doug

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that we enjoyed, especially the lefse.

Lutefisk is whitefish that has been soaked in lye. It has a real strong odor, which turns many people off. I was one of them.

I tried it several times, but I'm not a big fan of lutefisk.

Lefse, on the other hand, I love to this day. My sister, Cindi, and a group of her friends make it just about every year.

Cindi sends me lefse for Christmas. I'm the only one in my Tennessee family who will eat it.

Lefse is a Norwegian flatbread, kind of like a large tortilla, made from potatoes.

My mother and her sisters would make it every fall so we would have plenty for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We would spread butter on it and then sprinkle sugar over that and roll it up and eat it, piece after

piece.

Yummmmm!

Over the years, I've enjoyed trying different types of foods

I really enjoy sushi, something my wife won't even try.

When I eat in a Japanese restaurant, I usually order squid salad, and of course Lynn won't try that either.

I usually eat Japanese food on my own, or with daring friends.

We all have different tastes in food.

Some folks like hot, spicy foods; some like sweet foods; some like salty foods; some like sweet and savory; and some like everything and read somewhere that each one of us has between 2,000 to 8,000 taste buds on our tongues; and each one of those little things has a different job.

We are born with the ability to taste. Several verses in the Book of Psalms make reference to our ability to taste in relation to our contact with God and the

words of Holy Scripture.

Psalm 34:8 says, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him."

Tasting and seeing that God is good is implying that we need to give God a chance to prove how good He is.

A common refrain that I hear quite often from Christian people is, "God is good...All the time... and...all the time God is good."

Those of us who have tasted of the things of God know that He is good...all the time.

Psalm 119:103 says, "How sweet are God's

words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

God wants us to taste and see how good He is.

He wants us to taste and see how good His Word is.

He wants to prove Himself to each of us.

Believe me, God is good...all the time!

Taste and see!

— Doug Dezotell is the pastor of Cannon UMC.

He is a columnist for the Times-Gazette, and he is a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend to "whosoever will."

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a fun time at the movies. Admittedly, not everyone is going to find them as hilarious as I do.

But with everything happening in the world today we all need to find something to make us laugh and forget the reality around us.

Thanks Minions.

Farm

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said. Through rows of vegetables, herbs, and flowers, there are pathways which help keep the soil up and from getting compacted.

This is useful for organic farmers so they don't worry about weed pressure. Every time you till, you bring weed seeds back to the top.

The Waids also have their garden on a slight hill. To help with erosion, they have a weed barrier or a crop. Though it's not the best method for the soil, Matt said, if they don't use them, their crops end up in their driveway. "It's a constant battle," Matt said.

"And we rotate things around," Jessica added. For example, beans are good for putting nutrients back in the soil.

As June came to a close, they had around 200 tomato plants. And it's still not enough.

"Tomatoes in the south are like gold," Jessica said. It takes a lot of water every couple hours a day.

They used 28,000 gallons of water during one

of their summer month. It's how they can have this cold-crop plant in the summer.

In fact, lettuce is what Big Oak Farm is most known for.

One reason why their lettuce is so popular is due to the way they process it, which gives it a long shelf life, lasting three to four weeks in the fridge.

They water the heads of lettuce over head for four minutes every two to three hours. When harvested, the lettuce is immediately dunked in cold water and dried well (using a spinner made from an old washing machine).

For the rest of summer, the Waids will be pull out the sugar snaps, winter squash, watermelons and cantaloupe, mild and hot peppers. Later on in fall, they'll have pumpkins, gourds, and sweet potatoes.

"If it's here, it's because we've grown it," Jessica said.

Then they use everything for their food truck, which opened in September last year.

"So we're really excited this year that we'll be able to utilize a lot of things

from the garden, like when the tomatoes come in," she said.

"We try to use anything that we have that's excess from the garden; we don't want anything to go to waste. The truck is the perfect way to use that."

"Out here," in rural Petersburg, it's a "food desert." So the Big Oak Farm helps to provide fresh produce to nearby residents. Plus, Jessica has always loved entertaining and having people over.

"We have people from the community, when we opened the store, people I didn't even know lived around here. And now I know their kids' names, where they work, and what they're doing. It's been really good to build that connection," she said.

In the store, located right beside the rows of crops, they have trail mix, spice mix, homemade soaps, local honey for sale, as well as crafts like locally-made cutting boards. They also get their meat from a farm in Fayetteville.

But overall, "It's a whole family thing and it's nice to be able to come out here together and work," Jessica said.



Matt Waid walks through their "tomato tunnel."



Large cucumbers are just some of the many vegetables grow on the Waid farm.

Mark

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and Julie Andrews, Taraji P. Henson and Dolph Lundgren, is it too short in length.

My daughter said she had not heard me laugh so hard in a long time. It was

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Mort Walker's beetle bailey



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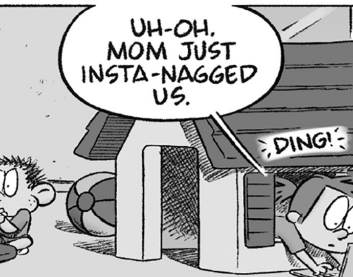
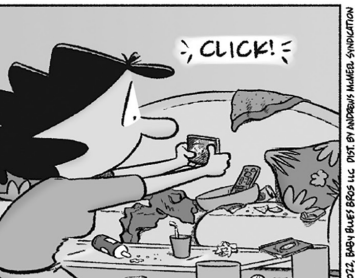
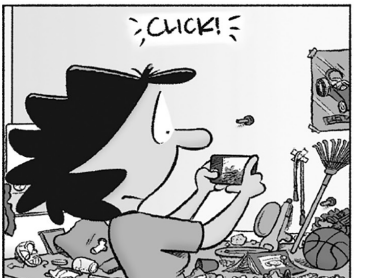
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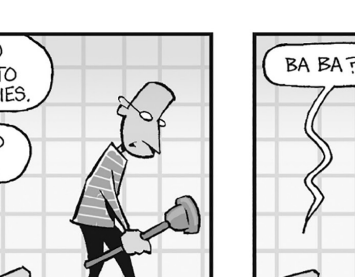
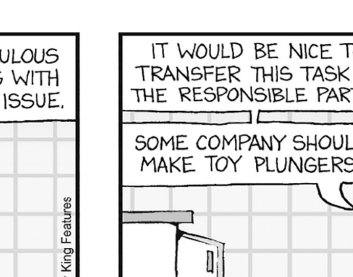
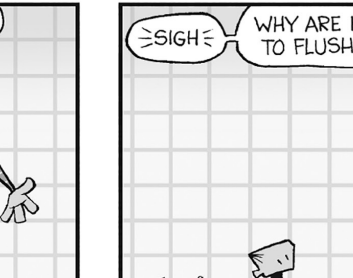
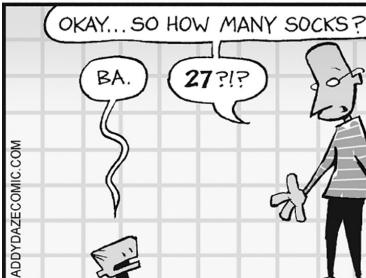
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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

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I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE MET AN ACTUAL GIANT!

WE HAVE TO TAKE A PHOTO OF HIM SO THAT PEOPLE WILL KNOW TO STOP DEVELOPING THESE WOODS!

THAT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD CONSIDERING HE'S FOLLOWING US RIGHT NOW.

OH...HI, STEVE. HELLO!

LISTEN, YOU, UH... YOU CAN'T FOLLOW US HOME. BUT WE WILL BE RIGHT BACK.

OH. OKAY.

STANDING HERE IN COMPLETE SILENCE ISN'T MAKING ANYTHING LESS AWKWARD, STEVE.

THAT'S OKAY. I, UH, HAVE A THING TO GO TO. UH, A PARTY! IN MY HONOR! THEY'RE GIVING ME A MEDAL AND EVERYTHING! PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE BUYING ANY OF THIS.

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

IF YOU WON'T BE DISSUADED, DIANA, FOLLOW ME... FROM TIME TO TIME, I'LL INVITE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR STUBBORN POINT OF VIEW.

YOU DO THAT!

HOW ABOUT NOW? FAR ENOUGH?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK THE WHOLE WAY, ARE YOU?

YOU DO REALIZE THAT SOONER OR LATER WE'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMETHING THAT KNOWS ITS WAY AROUND THIS LABYRINTH A LOT BETTER THAN I DO.

I CERTAINLY HOPE SO, DARLING... I'M COUNTING ON IT!

BECAUSE THEN IT'S AN ADVENTURE? OBVIOUSLY!

YOU'VE BEEN IN THE ADVENTURE BUSINESS YOUR WHOLE LIFE AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS?

ANYWAY, DEVIL WOULD KNOW EVERY STEP OF THE WAY BACK, WOULDN'T HE?

HE WOULD, YES. GOOD POINT.

AFTER ALL THIS BRAVADO, WILL YOUR PRIDE EVEN ALLOW YOU TO TELL ME WHEN YOU'RE READY TO TURN BACK?

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 7-24-22

DARLING, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY? YOU WANT A CODE WORD?

YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY, THAT'S YOUR FIRST GOOD IDEA OF THE EVENING.

OKAY... LET'S MAKE OUR CODE WORD... EEEK!

IF I SAY "EEK" REALLY LOUD, THAT MEANS I WANT OUT OF THIS...WHAT DID YOU CALL IT...? "DEATH-CHARGED HELLHOLE"?

EEK WILL DO NICELY...

Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

THERE'S A SHARK SIGHTING IN THE AREA.

I NEED TO GET EVERYONE OUT OF THE WATER.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?

THE MUSIC FROM "JAWS" WORKS EVERY TIME.

DA DUNT DA DUNT

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

STOMP! SLORP! GULP! CHEW!

CLOMP! STOMP!

SLURP!

I LIKE THE BOOK VERSION SO MUCH BETTER.

MUNCH! SMACK! SLURP!

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"THIS CAME FROM THE HEART... AND BECAUSE MANY OTHER PEOPLE ALSO BOUGHT THIS ON AMAZON."

"WOULDN'T IT BE FASTER TO USE A ROLLER?"

"WITH LEROY, IT ACTUALLY TAKES THREE TO TANGO... ME, HIM AND MY PODIATRIST."

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom Batiuk

WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE HIGH SCHOOL...

AND I NEVER WAS AWARE THAT YOU HAD TRIED OUT TO BE THE ARTIST ON 'PRINCE VALIANT'!

MEH... NOTHING TO TELL... IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.

KITCH AND I ARE GOING TO LUNCH AT MONTONI'S, PHIL... YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

YOU GUYS GO AHEAD TO GET YOUR CAR AND I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN.

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox, Max Mouse and friends are enjoying a beautiful summer evening. During their conversation, Slylock posed the following question: *What object casts the largest shadow you have ever seen? So far, no one has guessed. What is your guess?*

Answer - The Earth's shadow on the moon. (Probably never seen.)

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer - Tail, rivet, hot dog, eyebrows, watch and apron.

"JUST IMAGINE WHAT HIS CLOTHES I GAVE TO THE SALVATION ARMY LOOKED LIKE."

HOW TO DRAW a happy hippo

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Shayali Ganjapure, age 12

During which month is the Earth closest to the sun?

- January
- March
- May
- July
- October

Answer - (a)

D. PULLMAN MARRIAGE COUNSELOR

"OF COURSE I TRY TO KEEP LORETTA HAPPY... WHENEVER SHE FEELS DOWN, SHE GOES SHOPPING."



Shakia Craig is a former Blue Monarch resident and now serves as the center's officer of development and community relations.



Pam Birtcil was program chairman at Shelbyville Woman's Club and introduced the July guest speaker, Shakia Craig from Blue Monarch women's facility.



Shelbyville Woman's Club makes a donation each month to a charitable organization of the guest speakers' choice. Blue Monarch was the recipient this month. Blue Monarch is a women's residential center which helps those abused or addicted to drugs and alcohol.

A life changed: Shakia Craig

SWC hosts Blue Monarch speaker

I often say God has given me a front row seat at the greatest show on earth because I get to see miracles happen right before my eyes. Now, I also get to share those stories with you.' Susan Binkley, founder of Blue Monarch women's center.

Though the operations director of Blue Monarch was scheduled to speak at the recent Shelbyville Woman's Club meeting, Pam Birtcil, current program chair, said she believed God chose instead a woman who knows first-hand about the women's recovery program. That person turned out to be Shakia Craig.

Shakia is now the officer of development and community relations for the center, located in Monteagle. She told the SWC members that it seemed 'only yesterday' when she first entered Blue Monarch as a resident.

From drug addict to now a staff person and public speaker, she considers herself a changed life. She even goes as far to say she believes she's a "Divine Appointment touched by the Hand of God."

She told SWC members how she's far from the person she use to be—one sexually abused by numerous men and even family members. She went to live with her grandmother in Nashville at age 5. Her mom had her at age 13, so she was a young girl trying to raise a child.

Shakia said the sexual abuse started when she was only 5. She said from that point forward, it had a "gaping hold" on her life.

As a young girl, she became interested in track. She said ironically, she really was running for her

life as a teen.

For Shakia, it seemed like "darkness" was always around the corner. When her grandmother died, things took a downward spiral in her young life.

Sadly, she had even experienced incest. She asked the audience if anyone ever heard of four generations of child abuse. She's a living example, she advised.

As for family who likely knew about her abuse, she advised, heads were turned to the reality. "It was then swept under the rug," she said.

Statistics show that victims often blame themselves post abuse. That's when the hopelessness sets in for sure, she confirmed.

Shakia was no exception. She went from "playing with baby dolls," she said, "to having real babies."

Shakia found herself pregnant. She was later pregnant again with twins. She had a miscarriage.

She was pregnant yet another time with twins. Men continued to abuse her.

Abortion was in her thoughts.

A preacher's family stepped in to stop her from having an abortion.

She had the twins. More pain was to come in her life. Men and women continued to abuse her.

This roller coaster of abuse was about to come to an abrupt halt, she advised. Shakia had a near fatal accident in 2017, involving

an 18-wheeler. "That night should have been my last night," she said.

She tells of how her right hip bone was broken. There was even talk of a foot having to be amputated. Three surgeries later, she has mended quite well.

She notes when she finally made the move to get into Blue Monarch, she found out there was a long waiting list. She said still today, there's still a waiting list of about 200 women and children needing help.

She tells the SWC members how she contacted Blue Monarch, everyday, for a long time. Then, she finally received a call one day from staff saying they wanted her to come.

With great emotion, she shared how the staff said, "We want you to come, exactly as you are."

"God intervened," she told the SWC members.

Referring to this year's woman's club theme, "grace," Shakia said if anyone is a recipient of grace, that would be her.

When she got to Blue Monarch, she said her thoughts ran simple. "I knew I was going to die."

She had no one to give her guidance, only abuse.

Then, the recovery team reached out their hands in love and forgiveness, she said.

"Susan [Binkley], the founder, helped me through it all."

She said most of all, she was told how God forgives. She prayed fervently that he would do so. She accepted God's guidance.

Shakia said from that point forward, she wanted to be a better mother. She wanted to make something better of her life.

She says she "started making granola," when she got to the center (the center allows the women to make granola to raise money) and hasn't looked back since. She admitted she's new to public speaking, but she's reading and researching how to better address an audience.

The standing ovation she received at the end of her talk seemed to indicate that her message was received loud and clear by the dining room full of women at the River Bend Club. Ironically, it was a place Shakia would never have wanted to visit years ago.

There are many things about her new life, now,

she advised, which were always in her dreams. With the abuse, it was hard for her to move forward.

She advised how God, and the Blue Monarch staff, have helped those dreams come true.

Shakia said she's about to become a homeowner for the first time. She's raised her children, with a different type of love and support, not through a continued cycle of abuse. "The children are doing well," she said.

She notes just as when she tried to get into Blue Monarch, there's still a waiting list of about 200 women and children needing help. With a smile, she informs the SWC members how she called Blue Monarch, everyday, for a long time, trying to get in.

She recalls with deep emotion the day the staff called her and said, "We want you to come exactly as you are."

Though no road to recovery is perfect, she's convinced she had an encounter on that mountain with God. Shakia said with his "grace," she's become

a "better mom" to her children and a role model to other women—those also seeking a new life through Blue Monarch.

Breaking the cycle

Blue Monarch's mission is to provide a long-term residential and therapeutic Christian community for women and their children. It's a ministry to break adverse cycles and rebuild their families.

The residential center assists women and children who are dealing with addiction, domestic violence and economic hardship. The mission is to transform mind, body and spirit.

Blue Monarch also states that its mission is to break those destructive cycles of abuse and provide a life-changing service to women who have the desire and commitment to change.

For more information about Blue Monarch, go to the website: www.bluemonarch.org. The Blue Monarch granola Shakia mentioned can be purchased locally at New Christian Bookstore at 800 North Main St.



Miriam Pietkiewicz, left, 2022-2023 president of Shelbyville Woman's Club, welcomed Shakia Craig, center, as guest speaker of the July program. Pam Birtcil was program chair.



Cycles of abuse among women and children have been broken at Blue Monarch in Monteagle.



It's county fair week!

Celebrate with finger foods

Bedford County Fair is going on through Saturday at the Ag Center on Midland Road. While there's been a lot of good finger foods at the fair this week, we're supplying some recipes that will continue to pack some fun into your summer lunches.

It's only natural we use some of those supplied by the Dairy Alliance for this great week of celebrating agriculture and farm life.

Cheesy Chicken Crunchers

These kid-friendly baked chicken fingers have extra protein from the cheese that's added to the crispy cereal coating.

Servings: 6
 1 C. all-purpose flour
 1/8 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 4 egg whites
 1/2 C. milk
 1 1/2 C. corn flake cereal
 1 C. shredded Cheddar cheese
 6 chicken breast fillets; cut into strips

Nonstick cooking spray
 Preheat oven to 375°. Set up three bowls with the following: 1) flour mixed with a pinch of salt and pepper; 2) an egg wash made by beating the eggs and milk together; 3) corn flake cereal mixed with cheese. Coat a 13x 9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Dip chicken in flour, then into egg wash, then roll in cereal mixture, coating entire piece of chicken and place on baking pan. Discard any unused cereal mixture after coating chicken. Bake for 25 minutes, turning halfway through to ensure even browning.

Smoky Pimiento Cheese Poppers

A pastry bag or a zip-top freezer bag makes filling the peppers a breeze. Stuff the peppers one day in advance. Cover and refrigerate until ready to bake.



Servings: 2 dozen
 14 miniature sweet peppers
 3/4 C. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
 1/2 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
 1 (4-oz.) jar diced pimientos, drained
 1 tsp. minced chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
 2 tsp. adobo sauce
 1 garlic clove, pressed
 5 soda crackers, crumbled
 1 Tbsp. melted butter
 Preheat oven to 375°. Cut peppers in half lengthwise; remove seeds and center membrane. Cut a small sliver from pepper bottoms, if desired to keep upright. Place on a lightly greased foil-lined baking sheet. Combine

Cheddar and next five ingredients in a large bowl. Pipe filling into pepper halves. Do not over fill. Toss cracker crumbs with butter; sprinkle over the peppers. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until cheese melts and the peppers soften.

Fried Catfish Bites

with Spicy Yogurt Tartar Sauce
 Buttermilk and spicy yogurt tartar sauce add zing to this southern-fried favorite.
 Servings: 8

Catfish Bites

2 large eggs
 1 C. whole buttermilk

3 tsp. Old Bay seasoning, divided
 2 lb. catfish fillets, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
 3/4 C. all-purpose flour
 3/4 C. plain yellow cornmeal
 1 tsp. table salt
 Pure vegetable oil
 Garnish: Old Bay seasoning
 Whisk together eggs, buttermilk, and 2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning in a large bowl. Add catfish pieces. Cover and chill 4 to 24 hours. Remove catfish from buttermilk mixture, discarding buttermilk mixture.

Whisk together flour, cornmeal, salt, and remaining 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning in a medium bowl. Dredge catfish in flour mixture, shaking off

excess. Pour oil to a depth of 1 1/2 inches in a Dutch oven; heat to 360°. Fry catfish in batches 3 to 4 minutes or until golden brown & the catfish is opaque. Remove from oil and drain on a rack over paper towels. Sprinkle with additional seasoning, if desired. Serve with Spicy Yogurt Tartar Sauce.

Spicy Yogurt Tartar Sauce

1 C. plain Greek yogurt
 1/3 C. sweet pickle relish
 1/2 tsp. lemon zest
 1/4 tsp. ground red pepper
 Fresh ground pepper to taste
 Mix all ingredients and stir into an even mixture.

CAREGIVER RELIEF EVENT



Submitted Photo

Dana Bobo is the new program director of the Caregiver Relief Program. Diana Nevills, Brad Whitaker (president), Charlie Williams, Dana Bobo, and Dawn Hobbs were all a part of a recent community project. There were 13 families impacted by Alzheimer's disease in the community. The recipients enjoyed chicken salad croissants, chips, cookies and candy.

CANNING AND BAKING IS ON!



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It's on in the division of canning, creativity and baking at Bedford County Fair.

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This pineapple/melon man was the grand champion.



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Wedding unity ceremony ideas

Weddings celebrate the joining together of hearts, families and homes. The unification of a couple pledging vows to each other is the key component of the ceremony, and unity rituals are common during both traditional and nontraditional weddings.

Unity ceremonies represent the magic of two people coming together as one. Unity rituals may be built into certain religious or cultural weddings as a normal part of the festivities. Other couples may want to embrace the idea of a unity ceremony to add something extra special to their ceremonies.

Couples seeking creative options for unity rituals as part of their wedding ceremonies can explore these clever ideas.

- **Candle lighting:** The lighting of a unity candle is one of the more recognizable and traditional unity rituals. During this ritual, the bride and the groom each light an individual candle and then together light a larger candle, which celebrates them coming together as one.

- **Sand pouring:** The pouring of sand into a vessel also is a popular unity ritual. In this ritual, couples choose two sands of different colors and then pour their respective colors into a vessel, allowing the different hues to mix together. This ritual can be expanded to include other family members, with a rainbow of colors blending for a now unified joining of families.

- **Unity cross:** Christians may enjoy a unity cross ritual at their ceremony. A unity cross is a decorative cross with a holder, and the cross is held in place by three pins, which symbolize the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. During this ritual, the bride, groom and officiant will each set a pin in place.

- **Tree planting:** Planting a tree or shrub that can grow



A seating plan for wedding receptions is an important consideration so that every guest can feel comfortable.

with the marriage is a green idea and one that takes unity rituals to a different level. Couples can place the sapling in a decorative pot and then take turns watering it. Later the tree can be planted outside the couple's first home.

- **Lasso ceremony:** This ritual is traditional in many Spanish and Filipino-speaking countries. After vows are exchanged, the officiant wraps a floral garland or rosary around the couple. At the end of the ceremony, the garland is saved as a symbol of unity and love.

- **Flower ceremony:** In this ritual, couples can exchange roses or a favorite flower and then place them in a vase or basket. All members of the family also are invited to place a single flower into the vessel, which ultimately results in a beautiful floral display.

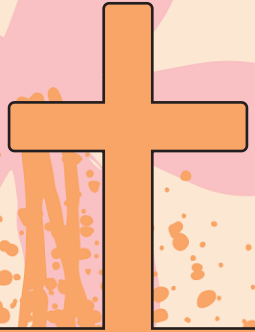
Couples can create their own unique unity ceremonies. The blending of any two materials, such as wine, tea,



Unity candles may be used during weddings to ceremonially unite the couple and their families as one.

glass beads, or paint, or even the traditional tying of knots will convey the symbolism of joining as one.

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Sheffield takes reins of Cascade baseball

By CHRIS SIERS
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Travis Sheffield has been around the game of baseball for years and years.

From coaching his sons, Jordan and Justus from little league, as they made their way through middle school, high school and eventually to the MLB, he's seen his fair share of baseball.

Recently, he accepted the head baseball coaching position at Cascade High School.

"I'm glad Cascade is giving me the opportunity to be the head coach. I've been coaching for about a total of 22 years of all levels," Sheffield said.

In following his sons as they made their way through the various leagues, Sheffield followed his way up to the high school level, before resetting back at the Little League level with his youngest son, Jaxon.

When the COVID-19 pandemic took hold of the sports world in 2020, Sheffield took another step back and focused more on the one-on-one and devel-

opmental side of coaching before standing in as The Webb School's pitching coach last season.

"I kind of stepped down from coaching right around the COVID time and took another avenue as far as baseball goes and tried to get into more of the one-on-one, developmental stuff. Then, coach Scott Hall over at Webb asked if I wanted to come on as a pitching coach, which was right up my alley," Sheffield said.

While he had a chance to take a head coaching position at the high school level some years ago, the opportunity lined up at Cascade and Sheffield knew coaching the Champions is where he felt like he belonged.

"I turned down another head coaching opportunity five years ago and I told my wife if it ever comes up again, I won't turn down the next one," he said.

While his stint with the Champs is his first as a high school head coach, he's been coaching for well over a decade and his vision for the program is a rather simple one — just



Travis Sheffield has been hired as the next head coach of the Cascade High School baseball program.

win.

While the vision is simple, everything that entails involves a buy-in from the players, coaches and community that he will be working with.

"It's three letters, one word — win. I just think if you put in the work, put in the time, I believe everything else will take care of itself. There's a lot of ways to win," Sheffield said.

"There's the scoreboard, having one more run than the other team, but if you can win the kids as far as having them buying into what you're trying to teach, win the community off the field, then I think the winning part on the field is not going to necessarily take care of itself, but it will make it a little easier. And guys start buying in and those one-run games start flipping the other direction."

That winning mentality begins with the work put in during the offseason.

"Ultimately, we want to win, but we want to do things off the field and behind the scenes, practicing in the facility and putting in those work hours to build that winning mentality," he said.

Sheffield plans on getting to work right away with the players who won't be on another Cascade roster this fall.

"I do have a vision for the how the fall goes. A lot of those kids are playing multiple sports, but for the ones not in basketball at that time, we will be hav-

ing fall workouts. I'm very, very much a proponent of getting your arm carrying in preseason so you can pitch in April and May and still have some life on your fastball," he said.

While the X's and O's of the sport will take a little adjusting to Sheffield's coaching style, one thing he says he's excited for is joining the close-knit Cascade community.

"I've had people reach out and that was the first thing they told me—it's a close, tight-knit community. As long as you're in it for the kids, they're going to be in it for the program. I will be trying to reach out to the middle school program and keep those kids excited about coming into the high school baseball program," he said.

"I think it all ties in together. Once you start getting into the community and doing things like that, my visions are huge. It's my first go around as head coach. I want to do it right and I want to do it big while we're doing it right, too."

FORMER VIQUEEN MAKES ALL-TCCAA TEAM



Former Community Viqueen Brianna Beech, along with five other Walters State teammates were named to the All-TCCAA team for their efforts in the 2022 season. Joining Beech are Ava Brooks, Kasey Bennett, Jessica Campbell, Ashley Milligan and Jessica Odom. Beech appeared in 54 games and batted .368 for the Lady Senators and belted 15 home runs, while driving in 60 RBIs.

Sweet summer for Johnson, Trail Blazers

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

Rebuilding an NBA organization is never an easy task and it hasn't been any easier for the Portland Trail Blazers who went 27-55 last season after their star player, Damian Lillard, battled an abdominal injury before being sidelined for the second half of the season.

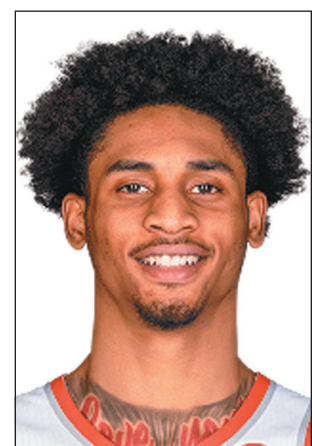
Committing to the rebuild, the Blazers sent Lillard's counterpart, C.J. McCollum, to the New Orleans Pelicans in return for a few role players and a first-round pick in this year's draft. In the 2022 NBA Draft, the Blazers selected Shaedon Sharpe from Kentucky with the seventh overall pick and Jabari Walker from Colorado with the 57th overall pick — adding to their already youthful roster that includes 14 players that are 25 years old or younger.

Heading into the NBA Summer League tournament, Portland had a plethora of lineups and schemes to work with, but one player stood alone at the forefront of those plans — Keon Johnson.

Johnson was traded to Portland via the Los Angeles Clippers in February after the Clippers drafted him with the 21st overall pick of the 2021 NBA Draft.

In 22 games for Portland last season, he averaged 25.5 minutes per game, 9.8 points per game, and 34.8 percent shooting from three-point range.

Johnson carried his momentum into the summer to help lead the Blazers to a NBA Summer League Championship, and give their supporters something to look forward to when the reg-



JOHNSON

ular season comes back around.

Johnson led Portland's Summer League squad to a 3-1 record before they arrived in the championship game where they defeated the Knicks 85-77.

While he didn't play his best game in the championship, Johnson still contributed on the defensive end with three steals.

For the entirety of the summer, Johnson led his team in points per game with 14.2, steals per game with 1.8, and minutes per game with 31.2.

He added 3.2 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game to round out a productive stint in Las Vegas.

His best performance came in a contest against the Houston Rockets who drafted three players in the first round of this year's draft, including the third overall pick in Jabari Smith Jr.

In the 85-77 win over Houston, Johnson piled on 25 points on 8-for-13 shooting from the field with four rebounds and four three-pointers.

As the summer nears its end, the Blazers and Johnson have plenty to build off of heading into next season.

Dawgs, Tide face high expectations

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — It's no easy task to live with expectations at the top of the Southeastern Conference.

Alabama's 2021 season has been described as a disappointment even though the Crimson Tide won the SEC title and played in the national championship game.

Georgia won its first national championship since 1980 by beating Alabama. After having 15 players selected in the NFL draft, including three defensive linemen, Georgia now faces criticisms that its time at the top will be only a one-year stay.

The Bulldogs are viewed as underdogs to the Tide in this year's SEC race. Alabama, Ohio State and possibly others are more popular picks in early national championship projections.

Coach Kirby Smart said Wednesday he doesn't worry about this Bulldogs getting complacent.

"I don't think any of our guys would rest on the laurels because we don't really have a lot of guys that

have laurels to rest on," Smart said at the SEC Media Days. "I think that's the biggest thing because everybody keeps bringing up you won a national championship, so do you worry about complacency. Well the guys who win it, they're mostly in NFL camps, so there's a lot of hungry guys on our team."

Alabama standout linebacker Will Anderson says just winning the SEC title last season wasn't enough.

"The biggest goal of our team is always to win a national championship and we didn't meet that goal last year," Anderson said Tuesday. "So that season was not the successful season that we wanted, because all the blood, sweat and tears we put in, all the hard work, all the long meetings — is to get to the national championship and win it. And we got there and didn't finish the way we wanted to finish."

If Smart's read on his new starters' motivation is correct, the Bulldogs' hunger is most prominent on defense. There were five Georgia defensive players selected in the first round of

the NFL draft, including defensive end Travon Walker as the No. 1 overall pick by Jacksonville. Three more defensive players were picked later in the draft.

Georgia linebacker Nolan Smith said he attended Walker's draft party and wasn't worried about the impact of the draft on this season's defense.

"It made me really happy, seeing all my friends realize their dreams," Smith said. "There's nothing more that a friend should ask for than to see your other friends be successful."

Including LSU in 2019, Alabama in 2020 and Georgia, the SEC has had three different teams win the last three national championships. That can provide encouragement for coaches trying to build championship programs, including first-year Florida coach Billy Napier.

"I think we're all aware if you can win your division, the championship here, you can be a national championship contender," Napier said. "The path, it's been proven. ... We're con-

SPORTS CALENDAR

Cascade baseball tryouts

Cascade High School will hold baseball tryouts on July 25-26 at 10 a.m. at the school's baseball field. If there is inclement weather, a make up date will be announced if needed.

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sumed with Florida right now. We've got a lot of grass to mow, right? It's our grass, not anybody else's. We've got a lot of work to do."

Georgia has won the SEC East four of the last five years and is 27-2 in the division since 2017.

"I think we're all aware there's a large gap between Georgia and No. 2, and we're working on closing that," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said.

Florida finished 6-7 overall, including 2-6 in the SEC, in 2021, leading to Dan Mullen's firing. Even so, Florida finished first in the East in 2020 and linebacker Ventrell Miller insists the Gators can return to the top.

"How big is the gap?"

Miller asked Wednesday. "I don't feel like there's no gap.

"We're the University of Florida. I feel like we had a bad season last year but we're moving on, and I feel like this season is going to be a great season."

The 33-18 loss to Georgia provides ample motivation for Alabama, including its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Bryce Young.

"Coming up short obviously is really tough," Young said. "It stings a lot. Obviously it hurt a lot losing. It's something that we carry as fuel to the fire this offseason. It's something that's been fueling us, something that's been pushing us. No one wants to feel like we felt last year, so we're doing everything in our power to give ourselves the best chance to have the circumstances that we want to have."

Georgia's Smart gets 10-year extension, raise

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia's Kirby Smart has agreed to a contract extension through the 2031 season, a 10-year agreement worth more than \$110 million that makes him the latest coach to land the type of megadeal that is becoming increasingly common in college football.

The deal announced Thursday has been expected for weeks.

Coming off a national championship season, Smart will be paid \$10.25 million this season in base salary and supplemental compensation. He will receive raises each season, which lead to total compensation of \$12.25 million in 2031.

Smart joins Alabama's Nick Saban, Ohio State's Ryan Day, LSU's Brian Kelly, Michigan State's Mel Tucker and Texas A&M's Jimbo Fisher as college football coaches who will make at least \$9 million in 2022.

The extension comes after Smart led the Bulldogs to Georgia's first national championship since 1980.

"Coach Smart's impact on the University of Georgia extends far past his significant accolades as our head football coach," athletic director Josh Brooks said in a statement. "He and his wife are Bulldogs through and through, and it is evident that Athens and UGA mean as much to him as he means

to us. "I am excited for our football program's continued success under his direction. The future of Georgia football remains bright with coach Smart as its steadfast leader."

The new deal came one day after Smart confirmed at the Southeastern Conference Media Days in Atlanta that he was close to an extension. He is 66-15 in six years at Georgia.

Smart receives a raise of more than \$3 million for this season. He was set to earn \$7.1 million on his old deal, which ran through the 2024 season.

Under Smart, Georgia has finished first in the SEC East four times and has won six bowl games. Georgia lost in the 2018 national championship game before finally breaking through with its win over Alabama in last season's title game.

Smart is a former Georgia defensive back.

"This is home for us, our roots run deep here," Smart said. "My commitment to this university and our football program is unwavering. I'm thankful to President Jere Morehead and Josh Brooks for their continued support of Georgia football."

Smart said he is "certainly proud of what we've been able to accomplish" but added "I'm confident the best is yet to come."

'Thursday Night crew nearly set

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

Prime Video's crew for "Thursday Night Football" is nearly set, less than two months before its first regular-season game.

Kaylee Hartung has been hired by Amazon as the sideline reporter while Andrew Whitworth and Aqib Talib have signed on as contributors for pregame, halftime and postgame coverage.

Prime Video's regular-season debut as the exclusive home of the primetime package comes on Sept. 15 when Kansas City hosts the Los Angeles Chargers.

"It has been an amazing opportunity to start from scratch, to really bring some new perspective," said Marie Donoghue, Amazon's vice president of Global Sports Video. "We've got great veterans who are at the top of their profession while at the same time, bringing incredible personalities who

have recently left the game. So that'll bring unique current input."

Hartung returns to sports after five years with ABC News and CNN. She previously was a sideline reporter for ESPN, primarily for SEC football and college basketball.

In a phone interview, Hartung said she didn't leave sports five years ago, but moved on to become a more versatile reporter.

"The range of opportunities has been cool, and I think it just helped better prepare me for this next step," she said. "This is the next great opportunity for me to tell great stories. The storytelling, whether it's news or sports, it's the same craft. And that's what has been so exciting about this opportunity, because it is the biggest story in sports, and we're talking about the NFL and a primetime game that's going to have so many eyes on it."

Saban: Alabama players topped \$3 million in NIL money

ATLANTA (AP) — Nick Saban has been vocal about his issues with the status quo in name, image and likeness deals and their use in recruiting.

But it's not like Alabama's coach and his players haven't benefited, too. Saban said Crimson Tide players have made more than \$3 million in NIL money.

"The biggest concern is how does this impact and affect recruiting?" he said Tuesday at the Southeastern Conference Media Days. "On the recruiting trail right now, there's a lot of people using this as inducements to go to their school by making promises they may or may not be able to keep in terms of what players are doing.

"I think that is what can create a competitive balance issue between the haves and have-nots. We're one of the haves. Don't think that what I'm saying is a concern that we have at Alabama because we're one of the haves."

The \$3 million figure stands out for another reason: Very few schools have shared details about how much their athletes make on NIL deals, but the number is growing since it could be seen as a way to show recruits another benefit to signing. Earlier this year, Ohio State said its athletes had earned \$2.98 million over the first six months of the NIL era.

The touchy topic boiled over in the offseason after Saban singled out Texas A&M and other schools for using the NIL deals in recruiting. Aggies coach Jimbo Fisher fired back at his former boss and denied any wrongdoing in his program, which landed the No. 1 recruiting class in the country.

"I think they both kind of illustrate the frustration of how things are right

now," Mississippi State coach Mike Leach said. "It's not sustainable, so something's going to change."

Leach says as things stand "college athletes have more privileges than anybody at any other professional level."

"Go up to your next favorite NFL guy, say: 'Hey, I heard in the NFL they're going to have unmitigated free agency, 365, 24/7. And, by the way, there's not going to be any salary cap or draft, you're just going to have bidding wars,'" Leach said. "Just watch the expression on their face. Don't look at anything else or write down any notes because the expression on their face will be well worth it."

Young's approach

Alabama quarterback Bryce Young says he can't afford to rest coming off his Heisman Trophy-winning season. That is, after all, old news.

"I don't feel like I'm a finished product by any means," Young said. "I have a lot of stuff I want to keep getting better at.

"The way I look at it, it's an award that celebrates the past, which is an honor, but it doesn't entitle me to anything in the future."

Young is trying to join Archie Griffin (1964 and 1965) as the only two-time Heisman winner.

Shane's style

Shane Beamer didn't let any of his fellow SEC coaches upstage him at media days, not even Alabama's Saban.

South Carolina released a hype video on social media of Beamer ahead of his appearance at the podium. It showed Beamer swaggering

into a team meeting room to Soulja Boy's "Turn My Swag On" earlier Tuesday in Columbia. Players wiped his brow, handed him a Gamecocks cap (which he placed on backward) and some shades.

Beamer showed off a few moves while players held up lights in the background.

"Walked in, changed clothes, knocked it out in three takes," he said later in Atlanta. "Had a lot of fun doing it as well. I was a little bit taken aback because one of our players thought I needed to hear the song so I knew what the song was and I knew what the words were. I'm not that old. I know who Soulja Boy is. I know some of the words to that song. It was an easy ask."

Vandy's Wright move

Mike Wright enters preseason camp as Vanderbilt's starting quarterback.

Coach Clark Lea said he informed Wright and former starter Ken Seals of that decision after spring practices.

"It's all about moving the ball," Lea said. "One way to do that is with a mobile quarterback. Mike Wright is one of the best in the country in that respect.

"We want him to develop as a total quarterback, which he is. He's demonstrated leadership abilities, too. We're excited for him to enter the fall as our starting quarterback. He knows that he has to earn that every day. That's part of our covenant."

Wright flashed his personality and sartorial style, enthusiastically discussing his suit purchased in Atlanta and sporting a red carnation.

"I'm a big fashion guy," he said, giving a shout-out to his suit guy."

Florida QB seeking 'rebrand'

By **CHARLES ODUM**
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson, who wears No. 15, has shed the nickname "AR-15" because he doesn't want to be linked to the semiautomatic rifle used in mass shootings.

Richardson said Wednesday at the Southeastern Conference Media Days he is "just trying to rebrand myself and become a better person."

The sophomore said he was thinking about "what the future holds" when making the decision.

"I'm not going to be able to play football for the rest of my life," Richardson said. "I feel it was pretty much a business decision. There's a lot going on and that kind of played a part in it. Just trying to understand like who I am as a person.

"AR-15 doesn't necessarily describe who I am. I'm Anthony Richardson and that's who I've been since I was born."

NIL counter

One day after Alabama coach Nick Saban said his players made more than \$3 million in name, image and likeness deals, Georgia coach Kirby Smart wouldn't give a total count on the earnings of his players.

Smart said he preferred to emphasize having 95 players with NIL deals. He said winning the 2021 national championship helped his players take advantage of the NIL opportunities.

"I would rival anybody in the country with 95 NIL deals coming off the national championship,

a pretty gaudy number that we've been able to give out," Smart said before adding he didn't think the total value of the deals was most important.

"I think it's more about the depth of our deals than the total amount," Smart said.

Enduring at Kentucky

Kentucky coach Mark Stoops is 59-53 as he enters his 10th season, setting a school record for endurance.

The Wildcats carry a streak of six consecutive bowl seasons into 2022. "The 10 years in Lexington is something that I am proud of because I know how difficult it is," Stoops said. "I know how difficult it is to walk into this league with the great coaching, with the recruiting ... then trying to climb that ladder as high as we can."

Stoops added, "However, we're not satisfied. We want to continue to grow. We want to continue to push it. Obviously, some teams at the top of the food chain in the East and the West are doing some really special things. So you have to continue to elevate your game."

New deal for Smart

Smart confirmed he is close to agreeing to a contract extension. He is 66-15 in six years at Georgia.

Smart is earning more than \$7.1 million per year on his current deal, which carries through the 2024 season. His extension is expected to be for 10 or more years and make him one of the game's highest-paid coaches at about \$10 million per

Preds sign Niederreiter to deal

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Nashville Predators have signed forward Nino Niederreiter to a two-year, \$8 million contract in their biggest free agency move since keeping forward Filip Forsberg off the market.

General manager David Poile announced the signing Thursday.

The 29-year-old Niederreiter had 44 points in 75 games with Carolina last season and ranked third

on the Hurricanes with 24 goals. He has scored at least 25 points in nine of his 12 NHL seasons. The 6-foot-2, 218-pound forward also has played for the New York Islanders and Minnesota Wild, with 181 goals and 187 assists in 732 games in his career.

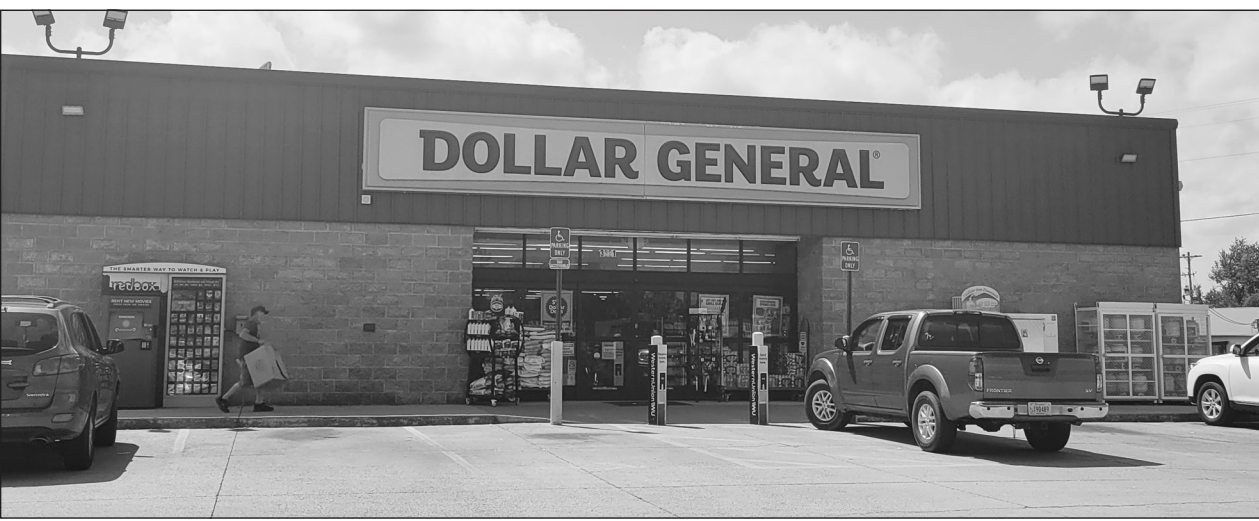
The native of Switzerland won silver medals with Predators captain Roman Josi in 2013 and 2018

World Championships. Niederreiter also played with Nashville center Ryan Johansen with the Portland Winterhawks in the WHL. Niederreiter's best scoring season came in 2016-17 with 57 points with his 25 goals, one off Mikael Granlund, again a teammate in Nashville.

Niederreiter was the fifth overall pick in the 2010 NHL draft. He made his debut with the Islanders

during the 2010-11 season and wound up playing 64 games over two seasons with New York. He played six seasons with Minnesota where he scored 228 points in 434 games.

Niederreiter has played in each NHL postseason since 2014 and has 15 goals and 15 assists in 82 playoff games. He finished second with four goals in 14 games for Carolina this last postseason.



Mixed feelings over proposed Dollar General

Rezoning sparks discussion from county committee

By ZOE HAGGARD
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There was much back and forth between several county commissioners and a developer for Dollar General at Tuesday night's Bedford County Rules and Legislative Committee meeting.

A rezoning suggestion was brought before the committee with a favorable recommendation from Bedford County Planning Commission to rezone roughly 3 acres at the northeast section of the intersection with Highway 41A North and 270 (Old Columbia Road) for a proposed site for a new Dollar General.

This is near the Shell gas station and Boyce Livestock barns. Garrett Auto and Garrett Wrecker are two commercial properties near the site. There is one Dollar General four miles north in Unionville and another four miles south in El Bethel from this site.

"This is a land use issue," said zoning director Chris White. The committee voted on whether it is appropriate for the site to be rezoned from agriculture to commercial.

"It has nothing to do with the Dollar General. That's the pretense from zoning—you're looking at does it meet the commercial zoning for that area," said Bedford County Commissioner Linda Yockey who sits on the planning commission.

"That's what got us into a lawsuit before," said Commissioner Anita Epperson.

However, Commissioner Greg Vick threw a series of questions at the developer, Monte Turner, who was present at the meeting.

Dollar General is a publicly traded company, which has revenues of \$27 billion. They have 19,000 stores throughout the nation as they had an initiative to build 1,000 stores every year for the last four or five years, according to Turner. Vick said there are 897 stores in Tennessee with eight stores in Bedford County.

Vick referenced a study from the

Institute for Local Self-Reliance, which said, "Dollar stores fill a need in cash strapped communities. Growing evidence suggests these stores are not nearly by-products of economic distress; they are a cause of it."

For example, they trigger the closure of grocery stores and eliminate jobs. Vick cited that statistics show that when dollar stores come in, grocery stores lose almost 30 percent of their business.

Vick also said dollar stores are "crime magnets." Cities like Birmingham, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, Cleveland, Fort Worth, and even locally in Bell Buckle have said they do not want any more Dollar General stores due to higher crime rates they allegedly bring, Vick said.

"Do you try to target African American neighborhoods to build these? Or poor neighborhoods?... Studies are saying that's where most of these stores are being located," said Vick.

"Not to my knowledge," Turner said. "We go into high income areas, low-income areas, middle income areas—wherever there's a need for convenience shopping."

Turner said he as the developer buys the land, develops it, then leases the property to Dollar General. He pays the property taxes and is then reimbursed by Dollar General. Vick said Dollar General is on the tax roll, paying \$3,712 annually.

"Maybe we should calculate the sales tax we bring to the County," said Turner.

"I'm on the build side. I'm not on the operations side," said Turner, who said he has developed 300 of these stores across middle Tennessee.

Vick added, "I am terribly, terribly conflicted on this. I have a real problem on approving a rezoning for a Dollar General to go in there because of the proximity it is to the Two-Way Market, to the location of the highways going through there, to the

crime it's going to bring to the city, to the economic distress we're going to have, to the creation of more food deserts . . . It wipes out opportunity for people to have fresh food."

Commissioner Linda Yockey, who sits on the planning commission, added that if this Dollar General did get approved, that she requests it should look like the Dollar General in Lynchburg.

Commissioner Janice Brothers, who represents that district, said, "The constituents that have called me are favorable."

Commissioner Jason Sanders, who lives near the site area and also represents the district, said, "I don't see an issue with it...if they would make it more presentable. The one in El Bethel is horrible; I'm just being honest. It's hard to get out. It's hard to get in. It's dangerous . . . So the only thing that scares me is that is a bad intersection too, right at the intersection of 270."

The commissions will have the opportunity to examine details of the site plan once the zoning has been approved. White added that it is required for the store to have a zoning buffer (like a shrubbery or a fence) around the property if surrounding lots are zoned differently.

Part of the site is owned by Robert A. Boyce. His wife, Claire, said at the meeting, "In the first place, you've got a junk car lot on one side. You've got a service station on the other side. You've got truckers on this side . . . We're wanting something nice. We're not out here to throw crap out there. If we didn't think it was nice, we wouldn't be willing to sell."

Boyce added that she has talked to several residents of the area, especially a few older residents, who said they would be "tickled to death" to have a store that's nearby.

The committee voted to pass the rezoning on to the Board of Commissioners. That meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9.



STEPHANIE MARTIN

Martin is new FCB lending officer

First Community Bank of Tennessee would like to welcome Stephanie Martin as their newest lending officer at its main office on Elm Street.

"We are delighted and fortunate to add someone, with Stephanie's connections within our community, to our lending team at First Community Bank," said Scott Cocanougher, First Community Bank CEO/President. "Stephanie represents and embraces

the community spirit that FCB has always been known for."

Prior to joining First Community Bank of Tennessee, Martin worked at Wells Fargo Bank in both South Carolina and Brentwood as a loan officer. She also played a vital role in the opening of the First National Bank office in Shelbyville.

Martin and her husband, Sam, live in Shelbyville with their son Maverick.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrecking our country

To the Editor:

President Biden is a fanatic at wrecking our country and is trying to remake it into dystopian hellscape his Marxist base wants. Americans have finally noticed, and we do not like it. That is why Biden's approval rating is between having a painful root canal and food poisoning.

If you remember 2 years ago, I listed 50+ Congress people that Trevor Loudon (expert on Marxist) researched and stated that all had connections to communist party. Now we are seeing the results of this connection. Our government does not care about us. Liberals have nothing but contempt for us ordinary folks. During the pandemic, liberals wanted Americans terrified, confused, and obedient. If you dare to disagree with them, they will have social media to cancel you. (I do not use social media.) Our government forced COVID-19 vaccine on Americans if you wanted to be employed or stay in the military. Now we are seeing people with life changing symptoms from forced vaccination. A friend of mine now has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) from taking COVID-19 shot.

Democrats are no longer in control of their party. It has been taken over by communist (or Marxist whatever you wish to call them.) No one has ever tried to overturn the country with non-Americans like Joe Biden. He has flung open the borders and put up a "free money sign." In the dead of night, millions (of future illegal voters) have been flown into unsuspecting states at taxpayer expense. These illegals are bringing in drugs, human traffic, crimes and diseases. (Including not being screened for Covid-19. It is no wonder one million voters have transferred to the Republican party ahead of the mid-term elections.

Our country has survived over fascism, communism, and Muslim fanaticism. We have never faced such lunatic zealots as the Leftist. This time the enemy is operating within. Underline this: America is not done yet! We need to show these politicians that We the People know how to save this country, by getting involved and fighting back.

Let's do everything in our power to rally our family, friends, and neighbors to save our country. Vote.

Biden is not concerned in the least about the American people. He is now raiding our emergency oil supply and sending it abroad (to China) while here at home gas prices continue to rise. A truck driver of an 18-wheeler said on television it cost \$1000.00 to fill his truck. Biden created this problem when he closed down the XL Keystone Pipeline and refuses to lease federal land for drilling. He only cares about pushing "green energy." We know that 200+ people died in Texas during a monster snow storm last year. The blades on the turbines froze and fell off. When are these politicians going to learn we need fossil fuel? Most Americans cannot afford to buy an electric car!

Mid-term elections can't come soon enough to get this country back on the right direction.

Lou Adcock
Bedford County



ELECTION DAY NEARS

Bedford County's general election is Thursday, Aug. 4. Early voting continues through July 30.

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

State of Tennessee State Senate News

Gov. Bill Lee has signed into law Senate Bill 2342 by State Sen. Ken Yager (R-Kingston), which establishes a length of service award program for volunteer firefighters, emergency medical services providers and ambulance drivers.

The bill authorizes the State Treasurer to award grants to eligible employers that match employee contributions. Each grant would be a one-to-one match of the employer's contributions, with a maximum of \$200 per participating volunteer and a maximum of 25 volunteers or \$5,000 per employer.

"Our volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel generously donate their time and effort to protect our communities," said Yager.



"They provide an invaluable service across the state and this is the least we can do to support them. I want to thank Rep. Ron Gant (R-Piperton) for co-sponsoring this bill and helping it pass in the House."

"A length of service award program is a great way to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and emergency service personnel," said Treasurer David H. Lillard, Jr. "I thank Senator Yager and

Representative Gant for the legislation to allow Treasury to support communities through this program."

The grants will be awarded annually on a

first-come, first-served basis, beginning July 1, 2023 and in each fiscal year thereafter. The law was unanimously passed by both the Senate and House earlier this year.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Shelbyville Housing Authority will hold a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Wednesday July 27th, 2022 at the Tate Street Community Center at 12:00 noon, in Shelbyville, Tn.

By: Jenni Feldhaus
Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER, AND SEWER BOARD WILL MEET

TUESDAY, JULY 26TH AT 5:00 PM.

AT THE SHELBYVILLE POWER SYSTEM OFFICE, SOUTH MAIN STREET.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL MEETINGS.

SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER, & SEWER BOARDS



Officers for 2022-23 were installed by Susan Russell. They are Alvis Turrentine, First Vice-President; Jason Troyer, First Vice-President; Bob Finney, Tim Parker, Fred Pimentel, Larry Hames, and David DaCosta.



Paul Gambill is presented the Melvin Jones Award by Larry Hames.

Liberty Lions Club has Mid-Year Banquet

Liberty Lions Club held its Mid-Year Banquet on July 12 at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.



Liberty Lions Club awarded \$500 scholarships to (from left) Ainsley Noel and Stephanie Ahern, seen with Scholarship Chairman Paul Gambill and Lion Larry Hames,

Great weekend getaway ideas

There's no wrong way to get away.

Few things embody a summertime vibe better than a day spent soaking up the sun and enjoying a warm breeze in the great outdoors. Warm weather and generally dry conditions are one reason why summer is so popular among vacationers.

Convenience and proximity are two selling points when choosing weekend getaway destinations. The following are some weekend getaway ideas that are tailor-made for summer fun.

- Take yourself out to the ballgame. The pandemic forced millions of baseball fans to stay home as their favorite team battled it out on the diamond. No fans were allowed during the shortened 2020 season, and the 2021 season began

with many teams allowing only limited attendance. Some fans might not have felt comfortable returning to packed stadiums last summer. Now that attendance restrictions have been lifted, what better way to enjoy America's pastime than in person? Take a weekend to follow your favorite team on the road or visit a stadium you've never been to. Many ballparks are now surrounded by great restaurants and five-star hotels, making a ballpark trip an ideal way to experience a new city in style.

- Make it a water-based weekend. No matter where you live, a body of water is no doubt nearby. Though the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicates that roughly 40 percent of the United States popu-

lation lives in a coastal region, oceans aren't the only places to find some sand and enjoy a warm summer breeze. Lakes and rivers are great places to relax, and getaway seekers can utilize sites like Airbnb and Vrbo to find short-term waterfront rentals.

- Soak up the city lights. Big cities tend to clear out on summer weekends, which can make this an ideal time to visit. City visitors won't have to contend with the sizable crowds that descend on metropolises in winter, when indoor entertainment is in high demand. That means savvy travelers also may find discounts on live theater and local concerts. It also won't be as difficult to book reservations at the latest culinary hotspots, particularly for travelers



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

While it is great to support one's local hometown, sometimes you just have to get away and find new scenery. With school about to start, many folks will be taking to the open road over the next few weeks.

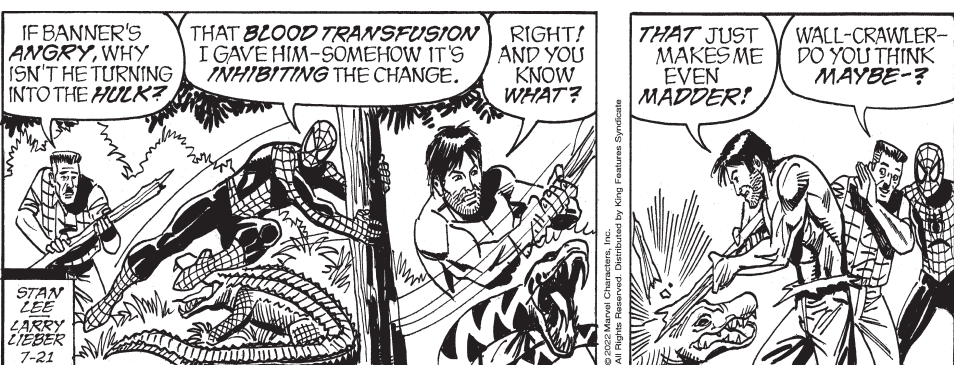
who book early.

- Hit the slopes (seriously.) Skiing might be the furthest thing on people's minds in summer. However, skiing hotspots

can make for the ideal summer getaways for individuals looking for a quiet respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Instead of traversing

slopes on skis, visitors can hike their way through the mountains before retiring to their resort for a more laid back evening of relaxation.

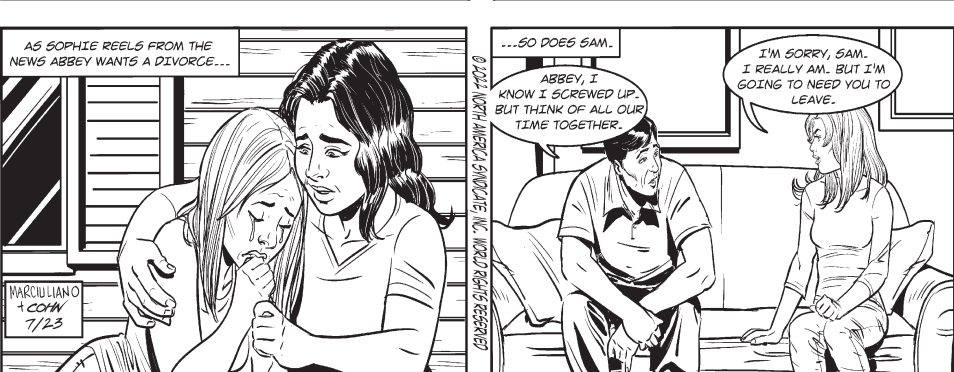
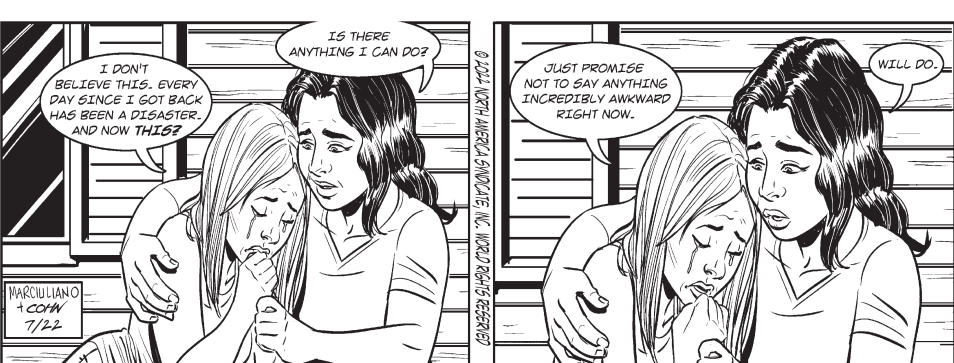
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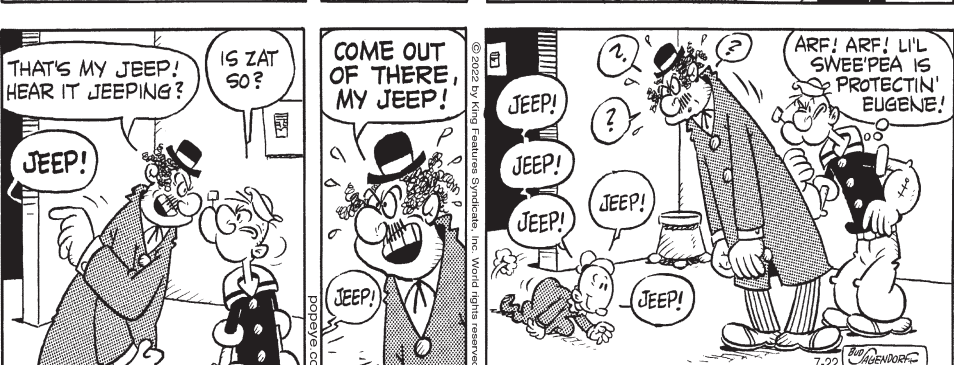
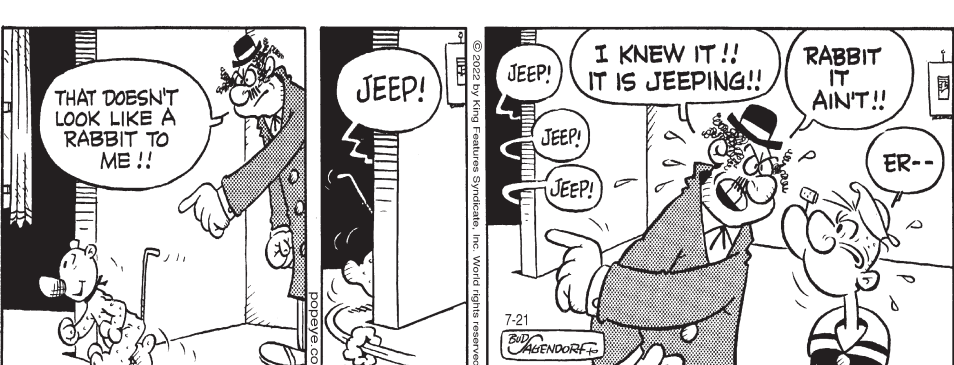
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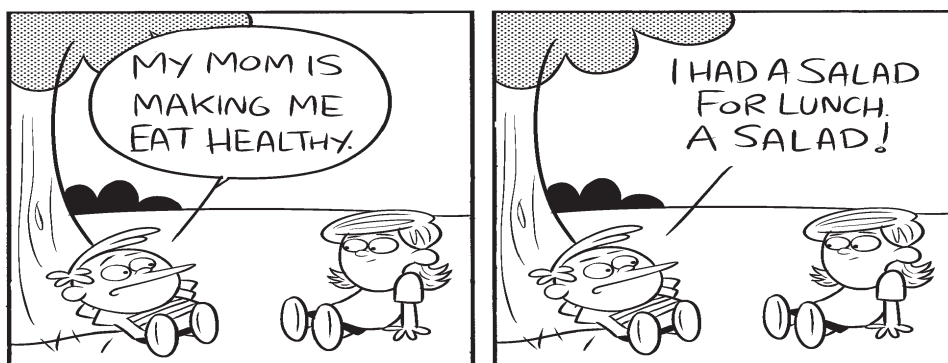


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Solve the code to discover words related to vacations.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
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Clue: A trip
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Clue: Bag

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!

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

ANSWER:

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

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Bedford County Planning Commission Agenda To all persons owning property or living in Bedford County: Bedford County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 1 Public Square, Suite 200 at 7:00PM Roll Call. Approval of June 28, 2022, minutes Old Business 1. Bylaws New Business 1. Approval of minor S/D plan for Map 60; Parcel 012.01. 2. Approval of minor S/D plan for Map 06; Parcel 48.00 3. Adjourn. (July 23, 2022)

City of Shelbyville Mayor & City Council Special Called Meeting Special Called Meeting: July 27, 2022 Time: 12:00 PM Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160 I. Call to Order II. Roll Call III. Adopt the Agenda IV. Business Items A. Potential City Manager Interviews by Zoom B. Gresham Smith Representatives - Fairfield Pike Project V. Announcements VI. Adjournment Mayor Wallace Cartwright (July 23, 2022)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated March 22, 2019, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded April 17, 2019, in Book No. TD928, at Page 501, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Shakeela McAdoo and William Earl Butler, conveying certain property therein described to Memorial Title, LLC as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for CMG Mortgage, Inc., dba CMG Financial, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by MidFirst Bank. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by MidFirst Bank, will, on September 12, 2022 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, Shelbyville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property herein-after described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Land in Bedford County, Tennessee, being Lot No. 9, on the Final Plat, Revision One, Phase I, Creekside Estates Subdivision, of record in Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 192 (formerly Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 248), Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description. ALSO KNOWN AS: 116 Doak Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160 This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

SHAKEELA MCADOO WILLIAM EARL BUTLER The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 344448 DATED July 11, 2022 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.

Successor Trustee (July 16, 23, & 30, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Anne Hammond Dement Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 5 of 2022 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Anne Hammond Dement** who died 4/16/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

Date: 7/5/2022
Nancy L. Dement Executrix
Curt M. Cobb Clerk & Master

Alexander W. Clark Attorney (July 16 & 23, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of James Steven Guess Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 29 of 2022 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **James Steven Guess** who died 6/11/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

Date: 6/29/2022

Helen Guess Warren Administratrix
Curt M. Cobb Clerk & Master

Floyd Don Davis Attorney (July 16 & 23, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Janie Haynie Pickle Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 23 of 2022 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Janie Haynie Pickle** who died 11/24/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

Date: 6/30/2022
Jo Ann Frazer Administrator
Curt M. Cobb Clerk & Master

Trisha L. Henegar Attorney for the Estate (July 16 & 23, 2022)

Notice to Owner and/or Lien Holder of Abandoned or Unclaimed Vehicles.

These vehicles will be sold on August 5th, 2022 at 10:00 am at MADISON STREET WRECKER, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. To satisfy towing and storage charges if not claimed within 10 days of this notice.

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PUBLIC HEARING The Shelbyville City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the following Ordinances at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Drive Shelbyville at their Regular Session Meeting of August 11, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Anyone wishing to view the Ordinance may do so during normal business hours at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An Ordinance of the Shelbyville City Council to Approve the Regulating Pattern Book for 69.67 (+/-) Acres Referred to as Walking Horse Estates and Located North of Highway 437 By-Pass and Constituting a Portion of Bedford County Tax Map 069, Parcels 029.00, as

Date: 6/23/2022
Gemella Colson Executrix
Curt M. Cobb Clerk & Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Lynda Louise Lynch Deceased

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Recommended by the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission, and Repeal any Ordinance or Part of an Ordinance in Conflict Herewith.

An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 2.23 (+/-) Acres Owned by Johnny Smotherman, Located at 904 Whitthorne Street and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 078N, Group F, Parcel 017.00 From Residential PUD (Planned Unity Development) to Medium Density Residential (R-3) District, and Repealing Any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.

An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 21.46 (+/-) Acres Owned by the Bedford County Department of Education, Located on the West Side of Fairfield Pike and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 69 Parcel 58.07 From R-2 (Low Density Residential District) to R-4 (High Density Residential District) and Repealing any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith. Lisa Smith, City Recorder (July 23, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville is seeking applicants for the position of a full time Pool Manager for the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Dept. The employee will be primarily responsible for executing programs and maintaining daily operation of the City's aquatic facilities in the absence of the Aquatics Coordinator. Duties include but are not limited to being responsible for indoor and outdoor pool management, customer service involving considerable public interaction, staff supervision, lifeguard duties, general maintenance tasks, water quality control, pump room maintenance and any other tasks as may be required to accomplish the essential functions of the position as set out herein. Minimal qualifications must include the following: 18 years of age or older, with High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and valid TN Driver's License.

This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$15.00. The City provides a comprehensive benefits package. Applications and a copy of job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyville-tn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org and will be accepted until position is filled.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville Police Department is now accepting applications for a Tennessee POST Certified Police Officer. Starting pay based on years of experience. Successful Applicants will be required to pass a background check, physical, psychological, and drug/alcohol test prior to final consideration for the position. Applicants must be minimum age of 21 years old. Applications and a copy of the job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyville-tn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org and will be accepted until position is filled.

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The City of Shelbyville is seeking applicants for the position of a full time Customer Service Supervisor for the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Dept. The employee will be primarily responsible for administrative management duties involving considerable public interaction. Duties also include other support services under the general supervision of the Assistant Director and Director. The employee will be required to perform any other tasks as may be required to accomplish the essential functions of the position. Minimal qualifications must include the following: 18 years of age or older, with High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and valid TN Driver's License.

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Biden tests positive for COVID-19, has 'very mild symptoms'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday and is isolating with “very mild symptoms,” the White House said, as new variants of the highly contagious virus challenge the nation’s efforts to get back to normal after two and a half years of pandemic.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden had begun taking Paxlovid, an antiviral drug designed to reduce the severity of the disease. He was isolating in the family quarters of the White House and “continuing to carry out all of his duties fully,” she said.

Biden’s physician, Dr. Kevin O’Connor, said in a letter that Biden had a runny nose and “fatigue, with an occasional dry cough, which started yesterday evening.”

Biden himself said in a video posted on Twitter: “I really appreciate your inquiries and concerns. But I’m doing well, getting a lot of work done.”

Biden, 79, is fully vaccinated, after getting two doses of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine shortly before taking office, a first booster shot in September and an additional dose March 30. The president will isolate for five days and can return to his usual activities after a negative test, White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha told reporters at a briefing.

Jean-Pierre described the president’s symptoms as “very mild” and said Biden had been in contact with members of the White House staff by phone and would participate in his planned meetings “via phone and Zoom from the residence.”

Asked where Biden might have contracted the virus, Jean-Pierre said, “I don’t think that matters.” She later clarified that to say the White House was focused on how feeling and would engage in contact tracing.

In the video that Biden recorded outdoors to tell the world he was OK, the videographer stood six feet away and wore an N95 mask, Jean-Pierre said. The president will stop taking his anti-blood clot and cholesterol medications while receiving Paxlovid.

The White House took

steps to show that the president was busy working despite his diagnosis, with Biden tweeting out a picture of himself making calls from the treaty room of the White House.

The president spoke by phone to lawmakers in Pennsylvania to apologize for having to cancel his planned trip Thursday to the city of Wilkes-Barre to promote his crime prevention plans. Biden also called South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn to wish him a happy birthday and congratulate him on receiving an award from the NAACP.

Dr. O’Connor wrote in his letter about the president’s treatment plan: “I anticipate that he will respond favorably” to Paxlovid “as most maximally protected patients do.”

Jean-Pierre said Biden had tested negative on Tuesday and would stay isolated until he tests negative again.

White House chief of staff Ron Klain said in a letter obtained by The Associated Press that “all close contacts of the president” will be informed of Biden’s positive test “per standard protocol.”

“We have said for some time that there was a substantial possibility that the president – like anyone else – could get COVID, and we have prepared for this possibility,” Klain wrote to White House staff. “We are now executing on our plan so that the president can continue to work seamlessly from the Residence.”

First lady Jill Biden, speaking to reporters as she arrived for a school visit in Detroit, said she’d just gotten off the phone with her husband.

“He’s doing fine,” she said. “He’s feeling good.”

The first lady, who was wearing a mask, said she tested negative earlier in the day. She will keep her full schedule in Michigan and Georgia on Thursday, though she will be following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on masking and distancing, said Michael LaRosa, her spokesperson.

The president spent much of last week in Israel and Saudi Arabia. White House officials had told reporters that Biden planned to minimize contact during the trip, yet as soon as he exited Air Force One on

July 13, he was fist-bumping, handshaking and even was seen in an occasional hug. The CDC says symptoms can appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

Biden has had a minimal public schedule after returning from Saudi Arabia late on Saturday night, attending church the next day and helping to welcome Ukraine’s first lady Olena Zelenska to the White House on Tuesday. The president traveled to Massachusetts on Wednesday to promote efforts to combat climate change.

Up to this point, Biden’s ability to avoid the virus seemed to defy the odds, even with the testing procedures in place for those expected to be in close contact with him. Prior waves of the virus swept through Washington’s political class, infecting Vice President Kamala Harris, Cabinet members, White House staffers and lawmakers. Biden has increasingly stepped up his travel schedule and resumed holding large indoor events where not everyone is tested.

A White House official said Harris tested negative for COVID-19. She was last with the president on Tuesday and spoke with him on the phone Thursday morning. Harris planned to remain masked on the guidance of the White House medical team.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she hoped that Biden’s positive test for the virus would cause more Americans to get vaccinated and boosted because “none of us is immune from it, including the president of the United States, and we really have to be careful.”

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell on Twitter wished the president “a speedy recovery.”

Top White House officials in recent months have been matter-of-fact about the likelihood of the president getting COVID, a measure of how ingrained the virus has become in society — and of its diminished threat for those who are up to date on their vaccinations and with access to treatments.

When administered within five days of symptoms appearing, Paxlovid, produced by drugmaker Pfizer, has been proven to bring about a 90%

reduction in hospitalizations and deaths among patients most likely to get severe disease.

Biden is far from the first world leader — and not the first U.S. president — to get the coronavirus, which has infected British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron and more than a dozen other leaders and high-ranking officials globally.

When Biden’s predecessor Donald Trump, contracted the disease in October 2020, vaccines were not available and treatment options were limited and less advanced. After being diagnosed at the White House, Trump was given an experimental antibody treatment and steroids after his blood oxygen levels fell dangerously low. He was hospitalized at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for three days.

After more than two years and over a million deaths in the U.S., the virus is still killing an average of 353 people a day here., according to the CDC. The unvaccinated are at far greater risk, more than twice as likely to test positive and nine times as likely to die from the virus as those who have received at least a primary dose of the vaccines, according to the public health agency.

The highly transmissible omicron variant is the dominant strain in the U.S., but scientists say it poses a lower risk for severe illness to those who are up to date on their vaccinations. Omicron’s BA.5 sub-strain, believed to be even more contagious, now makes up more than 65% of U.S. cases.

The coronavirus pandemic helped put Biden in the White House, as he pledged to handle COVID-19 better than his predecessor. After he had initial months of success surging the nation’s supply and availability of vaccines, the virus became a worse problem as he struggled to stay ahead of the unpredictable disease.

As cases sharply declined earlier this year, Biden highlighted his administration’s efforts to end the pandemic and help the nation regain a sense of normalcy. He said in his March 1 State of the Union address, “It’s time for Americans to get back to work and fill our great downtowns again.”

New York reports 1st US polio case in nearly a decade

NEW YORK (AP) — An unvaccinated young adult from New York recently contracted polio, the first U.S. case in nearly a decade, health officials said Thursday.

Officials said the patient, who lives in Rockland County, had developed paralysis. The person developed symptoms a month ago and did not recently travel outside the country, county health officials said.

It appears the patient had a vaccine-derived strain of the virus, perhaps from someone who got live vaccine — available in other countries, but not the U.S. — and spread it, officials said.

The person is no longer deemed contagious, but

investigators are trying to figure out how the infection occurred and whether other people were exposed to the virus.

Most Americans are vaccinated against polio, but this should serve as a wake-up call to the unvaccinated, said Jennifer Nuzzo, a Brown University pandemic researcher.

“This isn’t normal. We don’t want to see this,” Nuzzo said. “If you’re vaccinated, it’s not something you need to worry about. But if you haven’t gotten your kids vaccinated, it’s really important that you make sure they’re up to date.”

Health officials scheduled vaccination clinics in New York for Friday and Monday, and encouraged anyone who

has not been vaccinated to get the shots.

“We want shots in the arms of those who need it,” Rockland County Health Commissioner Dr. Patricia Schnabel Ruppert said at a Thursday news conference.

Polio was once one of the nation’s most feared diseases, with annual outbreaks causing thousands of cases of paralysis. The disease mostly affects children.

Vaccines became available starting in 1955, and a national vaccination campaign cut the annual number of U.S. cases to less than 100 in the 1960s and fewer than 10 in the 1970s, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 1979, polio was

declared eliminated in the U.S., meaning there was no longer routine spread.

Rarely, travelers have brought polio infections into the U.S. The last such case was in 2013, when a 7-month-old who had recently moved to the U.S. from India was diagnosed in San Antonio, Texas, according to the federal health officials. That child also had the type of polio found in the live form of vaccine used in other countries.

There are two types of polio vaccines. The U.S. and many other countries use shots made with an inactivated version of the virus. But some countries where polio has been more of a recent threat use a weakened live virus that is given to children as drops in

the mouth. In rare instances, the weakened virus can mutate into a form capable of sparking new outbreaks.

U.S. children are still routinely vaccinated against polio with the inactivated vaccine. Federal officials recommend four doses: to be given at 2 months of age; 4 months; at 6 to 18 months; and at age 4 through 6 years. Some states require only three doses.

According to the CDC’s most recent childhood vaccination data, about 93% of 2-year-olds had received at least three doses of polio vaccine.

Polio spreads mostly from person to person or through contaminated water. It can infect a person’s spinal cord, causing paralysis and possibly permanent

disability and death.

Polio is endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, although numerous countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia have also reported cases in recent years.

Rockland County, in New York City’s northern suburbs, has been a center of vaccine resistance in recent years. A 2018-2019 measles outbreak there infected 312 people.

Last month, health officials in Britain warned parents to make sure children have been vaccinated because the polio virus had been found in London sewage samples. No cases of paralysis were reported.

House OKs bill to protect contraception from

WASHINGTON (AP) — The right to use contraceptives would become law under a measure that Democrats pushed through the House on Thursday, their latest campaign-season response to concerns a conservative Supreme Court that already erased federal abortion rights could go further.

The House’s 228-195 roll call was largely along party lines and sent the measure to the Senate, where it seemed doomed.

The bill is the latest example of Democrats latching onto their own version of culture war battles to appeal to female, progressive and minority voters by casting the court and Republicans as extremists intent on obliterating rights taken for granted for years.

Democrats said that with the high court recently overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision from 1973, the justices and GOP lawmakers are on track to go even further than banning

abortion.

“This extremism is about one thing: control of women. We will not let this happen,” said Rep. Kathy Manning, D-N.C., who sponsored the legislation. All of the bill’s nearly 150 co-sponsors are Democrats. Addressing fellow lawmakers, she added, “Women and girls across this country are watching you, and they want to know: Are you willing to stand up for them?”

In his opinion overturning Roe last month, Justice

Clarence Thomas wrote that the court should now review other precedents. He mentioned rulings that affirmed the rights of same-sex marriage in 2015, same-sex intimate relationships in 2003 and married couples’ use of contraceptives in 1965.

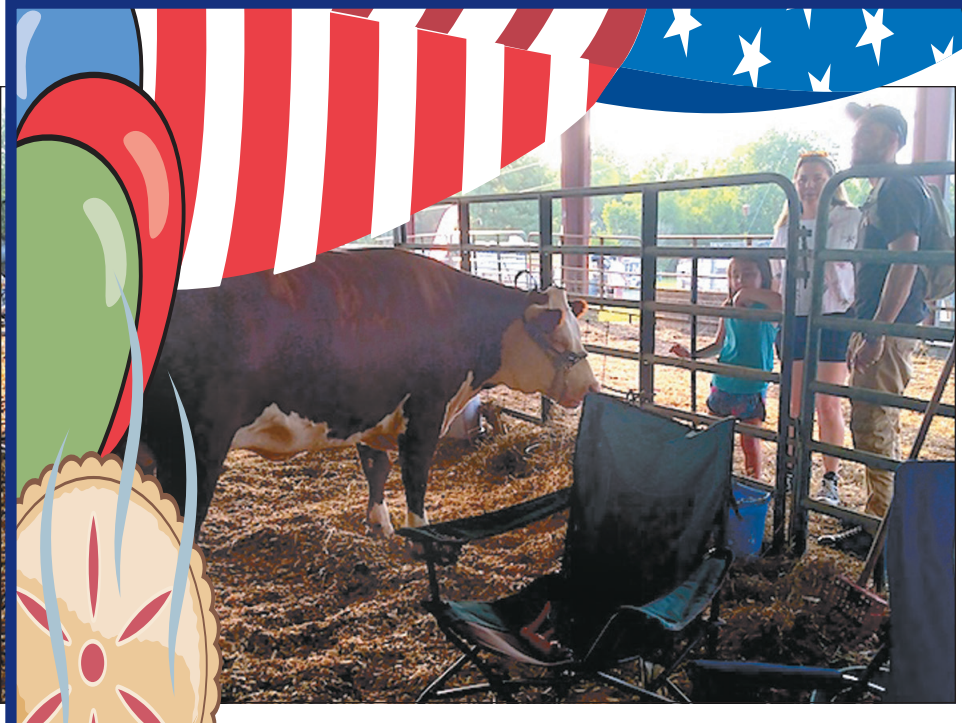
Thomas did not specify a 1972 decision that legalized the use of contraceptives by unmarried people as well, but Democrats say they consider that at risk as well. Republicans said the

bill went too far. They said it would lead to more abortions, which supporters deny, allow the use of drugs not yet fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration and force health care providers to offer contraceptives, even if that contradicted their religious beliefs.

“Women deserve the truth, not more fear and misinformation that forces an extreme agenda on the American people,” said Rep.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash.

Every Democrat supported the legislation, while Republicans overwhelmingly opposed it by 195-8. The House Democrats’ campaign committee quickly jumped on that disparity, with spokesperson Helen Kalla saying her party will “fight to protect women’s freedoms from the GOP’s sinister agenda.”



Last call for fair goers

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Bedford County Fair comes to a close Saturday night. There's still time to get in on the fun today.

The fair is going on at the Ag Center on Midland Road. Look for the Ferris wheel!

Amusement rides open at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Chattanooga Helicopter is providing rides. There is a 2 ticket minimum and 3 person max. Children of any age allowed at \$20 per person for 1 mile of flight travel and \$35 per person for 5 miles of flight travel. There are some weight restrictions. Call 931-510-5245 for more information.

The 2022 Bedford County Fair Mule and Draft Horse Show will be held 7 p.m., Saturday, July 23.

Classes for the mule and draft horse show include gaited mule at halter, gaited trail pleasure and open draft cart.

The Bedford County Antique Tractor Pull Association will have its annual show at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 23. President is David Molder.

This week a lot of happy folks have walked away with prizes and awards from the food preservation and arts and crafts divisions.

Livestock shows, which are always a main attraction at the fair, are going on throughout the week. *See photos in Tuesday's Times-Gazette.*

The 2022 Damascus Road Cruise-In car show was held on Tuesday night. Several people walked away with money prizes, just for registering for the show.

