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An architect's rendering of the Duksan Electera America, Inc. factory to be built in 231 North Industrial Park.

New industry revealed

Electrolyte manufacturer is 'Project Cardinal'

T-G STAFF REPORT

The state finally revealed the name of the industry, referred to as Project Cardinal, that will go into the 231 North Industrial Park.

Officials announced Wednesday that Duksan Electera America, Inc will invest \$95 million to locate its first North American manufacturing facility in Shelbyville.

A branch of South Korean-based Duksan Group, Duksan Electera will create 101 new jobs in Bedford County over the next five years as the company constructs a new facility at 210 Frank Martin Road.

As an electrolyte manufacturer for the electric vehicle battery industry, Duksan Electera's

"This major investment in our community will bring more jobs to our area and further strengthen our local economy."

— State Rep. Pat Marsh

expansion to Tennessee will position the company to be geographically closer to its core customer base.

Representatives say the Shelbyville location will be "essential" to Duksan Electera as the company is responsible for supplying roughly 60,000 tons of electrolytes to battery makers in

the southeastern U.S.

Founded in 2021, as a subsidiary of Duksan Technopia Co., Ltd., Duksan Electera supports its parent company through the manufacturing of electrolytes for the electric vehicle battery sector.

Since 2018, Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development

(TNECD) has supported more than 50 economic development projects in the Southern Middle Tennessee region, creating around 7,700 job commitments and \$5 billion in capital investment.

Gov. Bill Lee commented that "companies choose to call Tennessee home because of our strong business climate and highly skilled workforce. I commend Duksan Electera for choosing to locate its first North American manufacturing facility in Bedford County and thank this company for creating opportunities for Tennesseans to thrive."

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A true Fair fan

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Soup kitchen adds serving day

By DAWN HANKINS
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From humble beginnings in the basement at First United Methodist Church on the square to a new donated, building on South Cannon Boulevard, Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen has come a long way. But volunteers like Kay Bartley say with most certainty that the mission needs to continue.

With food and gas prices having soared this year, no doubt more people are going to be in need of meals in the coming year. But Bartley notes thanks to many volunteers, they're able to feed twice a week on Tuesdays and now Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the new center.

This is the first time since its inception 6 years ago that the soup kitchen has been able to serve twice a week. Bartley said largely, the additional hours at the soup kitchen is a result of community support. It takes money and volunteers to run such a mission.

"We have been blessed," said the volunteer.

Bartley said they have a long list of volunteers willing to cook and serve meals. "Robert [Martin], our soup kitchen manager, has fallen from the heavens into our laps. He knows food. He knows restaurants. He knows people. He knows organizations. He knows the Christian community."

She said a chance meeting at Koffee Bean where Martin was working at the time became a blessing for SCSK. He's now organizing volunteer lists and menus. "He's 'serving with his whole heart,'" she said.

The board had

described the person they needed. They didn't know when they prayed who that would be. The rest was a gift from God, as in walked Robert Martin.

Another gift, she advises, is of course the new building, which is right down from the previous Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. Though the pandemic dictated somewhat that meals were to be served via drive through, dine in is now open.

Bartley, who's been with the group from the get-go, said it was time the ministry move out on its own from the church, which so graciously supplied space until COVID-19.

"We needed to be a

separate entity; we just didn't have the ability to be."

She said when the Save-A-Lot building was freely deeded to them, the goal was to rehab the building. However, they soon discovered it was going to take \$1 million to do that—money they didn't have in the bank.

She adds, "God had a plan. We could feed drive by during COVID. How could we have done that, otherwise?"

It served them, she said, when people had to come to them for food. She said this community has just gifted so much to SCSK. In fact, the former building is being used by

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Budgets, SROs, early literacy discussed

Agenda full for financial committee

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Bedford County Commission's Financial Management Committee met Tuesday to review monthly reports as well as adopt an amendment to the budget that implements the new County pay scale model.

"We spent a lot of time trying to get these numbers laid down into the proper structure to reflect the amendments that would allow the model presented before the board," County Mayor Chad Graham said.

According to County Finance Director Robert Daniel, this strictly includes the salary study as well as a percentage of the property tax (\$0.03) that goes to the highway department. Graham said all County departments have been informed about the pay scale changes.

"The model is just like every amendment document we've put forward. It will then place the money in the appropriate place to be spent.... Once you approve this, then that would infuse it into the individual budgets..." Graham said.

The Board of Commissioners will meet Aug. 9 to vote to pass the amendment. The meeting will be held in the Courthouse at 7 p.m. Commissioner Tony

Smith commented, "This committee worked very hard on our budget for next year and it passed unanimous here. It was presented to the commission on the 28th (of June). It got rejected, which happened for the first time in over 30 years...In my opinion, what this did, was show disrespect for this group of individuals that worked on it. It showed a lot more disrespect for every individual in Bedford County who owns property."

"And, Mr. Mayor, if this is the way we're going to conduct our business for the County from here going forward—that we put things up on the commission floor and vote on them without going through a standing committee or being studied—I suggest that we dissolve all four standing committees. We're wasting our time and effort." He said that the 18 commissioners need to get together and act as a team once again.

"We appreciate your comment," Graham said.

Quarterly report

According to the finance office's monthly report, property taxes collected in June were \$800,000 more than the same time last year. Sales tax collections were \$1.5 million more than last year.

The total fund balance budget as of July 1 is

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DEATH NOTICES

Blanche De La Cruz Torrejon

July 23, 2022

Mrs. Blanche De La Cruz Torrejon, 86, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Aveanna Hospice.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 28, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

Florence Westmoreland

July 25, 2022

Mrs. Florence Westmoreland, 90, of Caney Spring in Marshall County, died on Monday, July 25, 2022 in Lewisburg. She was a Bedford County native.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill with Rev. Eric Hogstrom officiating. Interment will follow at Simpson Cemetery in Rover. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday.

OBITUARIES

Robert F. Lynch

July 24, 2022

Mr. Robert F. Lynch, 65, died Sunday evening, July 24, 2022 at his home in Unionville.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 28, from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill with Rev. Ricky Lynch officiating. Burial, with military honors, followed in Cothran Cemetery in Rover.

Mr. Lynch was a son of the late Rozelle Culverson and Barbara Jean Newsom Lynch. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Rozelle C. "Buster" Lynch, Jr. and a sister, Brenda Faye Lynch Upton.

Robert served his country as a member of the Army National Guard and retired after 27 years as a truck driver for Chapel Hill Farm Center. His favorite hobby was fishing, which he loved and did any time he had an opportunity.

Mr. Lynch is survived by his wife of 34 years, Thresa Ann Christa Lynch, Unionville; children, Barbara (Joseph) Lynch Brannon, Unionville, Tiffany Lynch (Ernest "Bubba") Hoover, Unionville, Mary Christa, Unionville; grandchildren, Jordan Wayne Lynch, Haven Grace Lynch, Addison Cook, Ashlynn Apostol, Isabella Brannon, Braelyn Hoover, Jacob Brannon, Joey Brannon; brother, Richard Earl Lynch, Missouri; several nieces and nephews.

Donnie Lynch, Mitchell Lynch, William Henry Lynch, Claude Newsom, Buddy Lynch, Steve Lynch, Jimmy Lynch and Kenneth Lynch served as pallbearers.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Chapel Hill, TN, 364-2233, (www.lawrencefuneral.net) in charge of arrangements.

Crystal Jean McBride

July 24, 2022

Crystal Jean McBride, 48, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Sunday, July 24, 2022, at home surrounded by family after an extended illness.

A Celebration of Life service was held Thursday, July 28, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Loyd Warren officiating.

Crystal was born August 29, 1973 in San Diego, California, to Frank and Debbie Hargis Dye. She was preceded in death by granddaughter, Briley Leverette.

She attended Shelbyville Central High School and gained her cosmetology license from Buchanan Beauty College. She worked for several different salons throughout her 16-year career including Great Clips, Fantastic Sam's and Hair Expression. In her free time she enjoyed crocheting, word search and collecting black bear figurines. She loved her family very much; she always enjoyed family trips to the Smokies or the beach.

Along with her parents she is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Michael McBride; sons, Michael (Joyce) Leverette, Jonathan and Tyler (Hannah Smotherman) McBride, all of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Austin Warren, Kayleigh Warren, Arizona Leverette, Bentley Leverette and Stella Rose McBride; brother, Troy (Jennifer) Dye; sister, Tammy (Paul) Buckingham both of Unionville; nieces, Chelsea, Jessica, Bridgett and Brittany; and nephews, Matthew, TJ and Joey.

Per her request, Crystal chose cremation and her ashes will be interred at a later date at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

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

Melba Frances Bell Sparks

July 21, 2022

Melba Frances Bell Sparks, 98, of Oxford, Mississippi, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2022.

The graveside service was held Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at Oxford Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Robert Allen officiating.

Frances was born on January 28, 1924, in Shelbyville, the oldest of three children. Frances married Carroll Sparks in 1946. They first lived in Memphis, and then moved to Oxford, Mississippi, in 1958, when they formed Sparks Auto Parts.

Frances and Carroll were married for 55 years until his death in 2001. Frances was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Oxford.

Frances was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Carrie Bell; and her brothers, Ralph Bell and Howard Bell.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Davis of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and her son, Gregory (Angela) of Madison, Mississippi; her grandchildren, Haden Davis of Nashville and Molly Kramer (Adam) of New Orleans; her great-grandchildren, John and Sidney Kramer of New Orleans; her sister-in-law, Joyce Bell of Shelbyville; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 2722 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231, or First Baptist Church of Oxford, 800 Van Buren Avenue, Oxford, MS 38655.

For more information or to leave an online condolence call 662-234-7971 or visit www.wallerfuneralhome.com.



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another local ministry for storage, which is still a help to SCSK.

The inaugural opening

In June, the inaugural opening was held for the new SCSK facility. Since, volunteers and Martin are serving up at least 110-120 meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The soup kitchen still offers boxed foods with fresh bread. There are homeless bags available-even showering opportunities for those in need.

"We are looking at adding a third feeding day," Bartley said with much enthusiasm. She said she hopes that comes to fruition in the fall.

She adds that those needing meals may ask for seconds. "We don't want a lot of carry outs," she said, explaining there's more ministry when individuals and families have a sit down meal at the center. She said this creates some great prayer opportunities.

In the works is a monthly Sunday dinner, which will actually be prepared by volunteers and Martin for the general public after church. Reservations are going to be required.

"We know we have good cooks . . . food.



We humbly thank God for our faithful donors, and this community's generous support of the Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen this year. You are making a meaningful impact in your local community, and we are encouraged at what the future holds. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We're going to offer meals for the public."

It's still up in the air whether the meals will be per donation or SCSK will charge. "Everything we earn will go straight into feeding people."

"We're excited about that. Board members will be the servers. Robert and some of the board will also cook. We will do whatever."

Looking into the future

Bartley said she's overwhelmed with the amount of youth currently serving the soup kitchen. When speaking of volunteers, She also praises Rebecca Baker who managed the drive by food ministry during COVID-19. By choice, she's now helping out

SCSK in other ways.

Rebecca and others, she said, have paved the way for a future for many families in need. No matter what walk of life those in need are coming from, they're served, said Bartley.

There are a lot of other dreams within the SCSK, Bartley added. Many will be announced, if they come to fruition, in the future.

"This excites me. This has been on my to-do list for soup kitchen for probably 3 years or more. It is to start networking, because there are many agencies that can help this population. And it's not just homeless, it's the at-risk population . . . marginalized folks. And I knew when I started just digging this out, over months, that there

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TNECD Commissioner Stuart McWhorter added, "Tennessee is at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution, and it's thanks to companies like Duksan Electera that this industry continues to thrive. We are proud to be the home of Duksan Electera's first North American electrolyte manufacturing plant and believe Shelbyville's central location in the southeastern corridor will set this company up for great success in the years to come."

"We have chosen the city of Shelbyville and Bedford County not only for its excellent location, but also because of the warm welcome and passion we've felt from the City of Shelbyville, Bedford County and the State of Tennessee," Duksan Electera president Suwan Lee said.

He said the electric vehicle market has a "bright future with an

expected compound annual growth rate of 32 percent by 2030." The demand for related materials such as electrolytes is projected to rise as well, according to Lee.

"With our business in this promising market, I hope that we can create a mutually beneficial environment where the community and the company can both continue to grow," Lee said.

Local response

County Mayor Chad Graham, who has been a proponent of the new industrial park since his election in 2018, said, "Our collaboration with the City of Shelbyville, along with the formation of the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership, has proven to be effective. We look forward to many more exciting things to come in Bedford County."

Commissioner Greg Vick, who sits on the 231 Industrial Park Board, talked about the "intense training skills necessary for employment" that can be provided by the local

TCAT.

"We inspired their confidence by demonstrating the necessary workforce can be cultivated and developed by our local school system through our local Work Force Development initiative."

He added, "But equally important, we showed everyone in Tennessee our local economic presence and business acumen will now allow us to compete statewide for complimentary industry related companies eager to be part of our success."

Shelbyville City Mayor Wallace Cartwright highlighted the collaboration it took to get this multi-million-dollar company to Bedford's growing corridor.

"Their investment in our community is the result of our elected officials combined vision. Shane Hooper [CEO of the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership] and his team have worked tirelessly for over eight months to represent our community with professionalism,"

were many agencies that needed to start talking to one another, because we help each other that way. We provide better services. People come to us with things we can't provide. But we can say, 'I know who can help you.'"

Bartley said she believed that she needed to poll this community. "So, I contacted everybody I could think of . . . find out about through others, that were helping this community in some way with services."

She said most are non-profit, but not all. There were about 30 agencies invited and of those, about 21 attended that meeting. She invited a City councilman, a County Commissioner and just some "listeners" who were interested in the ministry. Bartley's eyes fill with tears when she describes it as a "beautiful meeting." She said the "spirit of the community" joined together in a wonderful way.

"The spirit of that community of people, together . . . shared what we do in trying to help the people of this community. It was just huge. We all felt so supported."

There is much to do at the SCSK, as Bartley has explained. She said with the rate God is moving this ministry forward, there's room for others who have a servant-heart for helping others.

Cartwright said. "We expect this collaborative effort will ensure continued growth for higher wage jobs and improve the quality of life for all our citizens."

TVA and Duck River Electric Membership Corporation were also part in recruiting the new industry. They will be partnering Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership, Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association and the TDEC to "further that mission and look forward to Duksan Electera's future business success in the Valley."

"Helping to attract and retain jobs and investment in the region is fundamental to TVA's mission of service," said John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of Economic Development.

Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh (R-Shelbyville) added, "This major investment in our community will bring more jobs to our area and further strengthen our local economy."

the level of experience of the SRO), according to Garrett.

quality instruction," said Garrett.

Building update

Garrett added that they are still in the design phase of the construction of the new Cartwright Elementary School, located along the 437 Bypass.

Daniel explained that the County has a 70/30 savings, which means if the construction manager comes in under contract, the County gets 70 percent of the savings.

There is also "equipment on the ground" for the construction of the new Community High School wing.

New SROs

The finance committee also voted to use funds from the sale of the EMA building (1304 Railroad Ave) to hire five Student Resource Officers in the inner-city elementary schools for the next 12 months. These five schools would be Southside, East Side, Thomas Magnet, Learning Way, and Deery Eakin.

Total cost to hire the SROs would be \$378,000 with each receiving about \$75,000 (depending on

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\$10,267,123.

TNTP contract

Bedford County School system received an \$80,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Education. The grant comes from TNTP (formerly known as The New Teacher Project), a nonprofit headquartered in New York that aids in teacher training and consultation work.

TNTP serves as TDOE's Early Literacy Network vendor. Last November, the state established a \$16 million, two-year contract with TNTP. According to TDOE's Fiscal Review Committee Submission contract, the state's contract extends from March 2021 to March 2024 and is "100 percent federally funded."

As part of Gov. Bill Lee's initiative to get all school aged children reading by the 3rd grade, it is to help combat the "COVID lull" that many students are facing.

"Our goal is to get at least 75 percent of our students proficient by the third grade and I think this will help us get there," said

Bedford County School Superintendent Tammy Garrett.

On the state level, there were some concerns raised over TDOE's contracting with TNTP when it was implemented last year. For one, Education Commissioner Penny Schinn's husband allegedly works for TNTP, creating a conflict of interest. There are also some concerns that state education departments that contract with organizations such as TNTP "privatize education" since they are funded by private businesses.

The contract for Bedford goes on for two years with the County receiving \$40,000 each year.

According to Garrett, the program is based on foundational skills. The County will also get a support organization that has professional communities with principals to conduct walk-throughs and evaluations to show principals what they should be looking for, such as high-quality materials and engagement among students.

"It just helps administrators be better at recognizing that high-

Strassner enters Commission race

Hopeful District 5 dark horse candidate

Tracey Strassner is a candidate for an open seat within Bedford County Commission for District 5. This area consists of Flat Creek, Normandy and the Raus communities. Although not a lifelong resident of the County, Strassner is quick to comment on how much she "loves this area."

For Strassner, it is the people of Bedford County that make this place "home."

"I have lived in several states, and I have found that it is the incredible sense of community here which makes this place so special. When I left my strategic planning and operations role at Asurion, I wasn't sure what I was going to do next. I was asked to chair the feasibility committee and then the viability committee for what was one of the first county development projects, the Main Street Market."

She said through that 15-month process, she learned a lot about local government, Bedford County's vision,



TRACEY STRASSNER

and the process of how Commissioners do their elected jobs. "I've attended and presented at most of the County committee meetings as well as County Commissioner meetings over the past 2 years. If elected, I am committed to engage and do the work to continue to improve the voice that our communities have in the direction and plan for this district and the County."

Strassner said she had a mentor who once told her "We live our lives in thirds: you learn a third, earn a third, and serve a third."

She added, "I believe now is my time to serve. My 30+ years' experience of creating business plans and the teams that successfully execute them is needed right now. I've managed

large scale technical and infrastructure projects and understand that you have to create a vision as well as options."

She's seen the hard work and dedication that it takes to run small business these days. "As one of the owners of Sunchaser Market in Flat Creek, I know how small businesses are the heartbeat of our communities. All our local businesses need support right now to make sure they can keep their doors open and grow with the all the change happening right now."

Strassner said she plans to serve the our community by placing her focus on "managing the now while preparing for the future." This strategy includes:

- preparing for growth and enabling new infrastructure
- developing strategies for community engagement and communication
- continually improving public safety and support for students, educators, and 1st responders.

"As I travel the district during this campaign, I continue to be amazed by the people I meet here. It would be an honor to serve as District 5 County Commissioner."

Bo Wilson returns for Commission seat

J.D. (Bo) Wilson is seeking a seat on the Bedford County Commission, representing the 5th District. Wilson previously held this seat for 28 years and is re-entering the race in order to "help return fiscal responsibility to local government."

He believes that after nearly three decades of service, he's very qualified to serve. While on the Commission, he was on the finance committee, heading the committee at one time. He also served on the Courthouse and Property Committee and was chairman pro tem of the Commission.

Wilson was involved with building the new Bedford County Health Department. The former Commissioner said that was done for "50 cents on the dollar," thanks to a private donation he and the late Dr. Fred Ownby, a local heart specialist, were able to secure.

He's also proud that Bedford County Agricultural Center was built during his time on the Commission. He recalls how the County paid for it with monetary assistance from private individuals and the State. Wilson said he was instrumental in obtaining these funds.

Another contribution to Bedford County, he said, was his assistance in the purchase of the old First National Bank building—one which now houses Bedford County Annex. "The purchase price was \$300,000, but that cost was covered by rent from Regions Bank and lease termination fees. Total cost to Bedford County to purchase the building was zero dollars!"

During his lengthy tenure, Wilson was a part of the County's action to donate \$1 million from the sale of the old hospital on Union Street to help build the new Shelbyville—Bedford County Public Library. The other million needed was



J.D. (BO) WILSON

privately raised, he said.

"We now have a state-of-the-art building envied by other cities and counties around us," said Wilson. "The Volunteer Fire Services also grew New fire trucks were purchased and new facilities were built, thanks to many volunteers and donations as well as support from the county."

He was a Commissioner when the Normandy Fire Station was destroyed by a tornado in 1995. Wilson said he had promised Chief Paul Prince that he would work diligently to help replace that structure. Normandy still uses that facility today.

"Bedford County now enjoys a lower fire rating which makes individual's fire insurance cost less, thanks to the Bedford County Fire Department and its volunteer fire departments."

During his tenure as a Commissioner, Community High School, Cascade and Learning Way Elementary schools were constructed. Wilson said he still recognizes education has one of the most important jobs of local government.

Bo considers the establishment of the finance department, along with the adoption of the 81 Act, to be one of the best management and cost saving tools Bedford County ever enacted. He is proud of his involvement in both of these areas.

"All financial information on every department in the county is available so that the County Commission can make the best use of taxpayer money," he advised. Wilson said he was privileged to work with during those 28 years with many Commissioners and County mayors who "wanted only the best" for Bedford County.

He looks forward to the opportunity to bring his expertise back to the Commission and move Bedford County forward. "If elected . . . [I] plan to focus on road improvement and infrastructure, safe school environment, continued support of fire protection and ambulance services and good management of taxpayer money."

While born, raised and educated in Lincoln County, he has called Bedford County home for 50 years. After graduating from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, he married the former Rhaetta Farrar, a life-long educator, now retired. The Wilsons have two grown children, Jim-Bo and Sarah Mac.

Professionally, he's retired from banking and still farms some. The Wilsons are active members of First United Methodist Church-Shelbyville.

Early voting for the Aug. 4 general election ended Thursday. So local residents will now go to the polls on Thursday to cast their vote for the Commission seat.



THEATRE WORK

There's some work which has to go on behind the scenes at the Capri Theatre. Such seemed to be the case on Wednesday.

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

MCGEE HONORED ON RETIREMENT



Bedford County Government photo
Mitchell McGee, who spent 17 years as a convenience center attendant, working at El Bethel and at Deason, was honored Thursday, July 28, following his retirement. Bedford County Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton praised McGee's reliability, saying there was never a worry about whether McGee would be on the job at the appropriate time. McGee, who was joined by his wife Margaret and his son Mark, was presented with a letter of appreciation from Clanton and County Mayor Chad Graham. From left are county Human Resources Director Shanna Boyette; Solid Waste Coordinator Diane Forbes; Margaret McGee; Mitchell McGee; Mark McGee; and Clanton.

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Dealing with inflation

Dear Heloise: You recently had a letter about dealing with inflation from Harriet S. Your answer was correct. I would like to say, I try to shop by only buying things on sale -- all the time, not just when there is inflation. If we shop semi-frugally all the time, a bump in the road won't hurt as much because we already are used to doing things that way. Things will get better. We just have to be patient. -- Rich S., Connecticut

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



Week."

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

Climate change

Today's Sound Off is about climate change:

Dear Heloise: I'm so very worried about climate change. Well, actually the entire environment. I have five children and nine grandchildren, and I worry that this planet will be trashed before they get to be my age. We throw garbage into the ocean, and smoke from various places of industry seems to blanket entire cities. How are we going to reverse this mess if we don't all get busy with a massive cleanup? -- Hannah, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Hannah, new laws governing emissions from factories are being passed, we have become more aware of the dangers of pollution, and people have formed crews to help clean up our planet. People are recycling and consuming less than ever before in this century. I know it's a daunting task, but we can and must take better care of our planet, which is our home and the home of future generations. If each of us does our part to take care of our place on Earth and respect the planet as a whole, perhaps there would be no war, no poverty. Who knows what might be accomplished if we ALL did our best to protect this place in space that feeds and shelters us? -- Heloise

FAST FACTS

- Painting a room in your home? Remember to do these steps:
 - Empty the room or cover furniture with sheets of plastic.
 - Clean the walls with water and mild soap.
 - Cover stains with a primer.
 - Repair nail holes.
 - Mask off areas such as trim, ceiling, etc.

BIRDBATH

Dear Heloise: During this hot weather, I use extra ice cubes for my wild birds' birdbath. They seem to like it. I also have two hummingbird feeders, so I keep them on my porch, but I alternate them. One will be in the refrigerator, while one will be out on the porch. I change them out occasionally so that the hummingbirds can have a nice, cool drink of sugar water. By the way, I enjoy your column every day. -- Hazel R., Sherwood, Oregon

Hazel, that's a thoughtful idea, but have you checked with a nursery or someone who watches birds? For some animals, cold water will give them a stomachache. I don't know how cold water affects birds, but if they seem to like it, I imagine it's safe. -- Heloise

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WEARING CLOTHES A SECOND TIME

Dear Heloise: Regarding the letter of having an area in the closet for clothes you wish to wear again before laundering, I simply turn those items inside out. That way, it reminds me they have been worn more than once, and I feel it also airs them out a little. -- M.G., via email

LUMPY GRAVY SOLUTION

Dear Heloise: If all else fails with your gravy, just put it in your blender, and that will quickly smooth it out. The first Thanksgiving at my house, my mother-in-law had lumpy gravy, and it was my husband who suggested tossing it in the blender. It turned out great! -- Marie, Claremont, California

ANTS BE GONE

Dear Readers: If you have an ant problem, with them marching all over your counters, simply mix a solution of half vinegar and half water to wipe the counters, and ants will stay away. Vinegar is such an indispensable and safe household product, which can be used for cleaning, deodorizing and cooking, as you have discovered. I've put together a six-page pamphlet full of vinegar uses that you can have 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: If you want to fluff up your meringue, add 1/4 teaspoon of white vinegar to three egg whites. -- Heloise

STRETCHING FOOD DOLLARS

Dear Heloise: You asked about economizing during inflation. I used 2 pounds of ground beef to make taco meat. I invited some friends for dinner; five of us each ate two tacos. The next day, I used the leftover meat to make a pasta skillet dish with frozen vegetables, spices and tomato sauce. My husband and I ate that for two days. That 2 pounds of meat went a long way! -- Linda Richter, via email

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Cherie is our rescue from Puerto Rico. We adopted her on her first birthday in 2019, so she is called a COVID-19 rescue pet. She is the most lovable, affectionate, spoiled Dachshund/Jack Russell mix we have ever adopted. -- Richard Perreault

Readers, to see Cherie and our other Pet Pals, go to www.heloise.com and click on "Pet of the

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be served.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Hunter's Night Out

The annual Hunter's Night Out at Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, Union Street, is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 6. A 3-D archery contest is scheduled at 5 p.m. and a free barbecue meal at 6:30 p.m. Many door prizes will be given.

AUG. 7

Gospel concert

The Kellys will appear in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Longview Baptist Church, 101 Cooper Road near Unionville.

AUG. 9

Bell Buckle meetings

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation Committee will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, and the Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

County Commission

Bedford County Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Bedford County Courthouse.

AUG. 11

Shelbyville City Council

The monthly meeting of Shelbyville City Council is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

AUG. 13

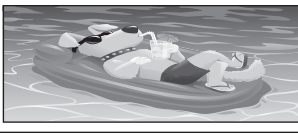
Safety class

A free safety awareness class for women ages 16-25, with emphasis on campus and college safety, will be held 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Shelbyville Police and Fire Departments' training center, 400 Elm St. inside King's Museum (old Central High building). Call 931-684-5811 ext. 4419 to sign up.

Back-to-School Bash

Sevier Street First Baptist Church is hosting a Back-to-School Bash at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. Free school supplies including a backpack, free food and free COVID vaccines (first and second doses and first and second boosters) will be available along with free blood pressure and blood sugar tests. Community

July 2022

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Holidays						
4th - Independence Day						

Clinic of Shelbyville/Bedford County and Meharry Medical School are sponsors.

AUG. 15

Democratic meeting

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

AUG. 16

Bell Buckle history

Bell Buckle Historical Commission will meet Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

AUG. 18

Bell Buckle beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet Thursday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

AUG. 26

Cruise-In

Celebration City Car Club's Cruise-In will be Friday, Aug. 26, from 6-8 p.m. on the Shelbyville square. Food trucks will be present. Chase Clanton and Vintage Vibes will perform. Cruise-Ins are held each fourth Friday during warm weather months.

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. 17

Alzheimer's Walk

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, Sept. 17, starting at the Jack Daniel's Welcome Center in Lynchburg. Register at act.alz.org/tullahomalynchburg.

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

Aviation Day

Shelbyville Aviation Day will be Saturday, Sept. 24, 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

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.

Clouds, storms expected this week



Steve Norris
Weather

We're not going to be basking in the sun anytime soon with lots of clouds and a 70 per cent chance of showers and storms every day. High temperatures will range from 80 to 85 and dropping to 60 to 65 at night.

A few of the storms could be very heavy this week with straight-line wind that could blow down a few trees, and frequent lightning strikes, which are common this time of year.

Did you know that to see a rainbow, simply stand with your back to the sun when it is shining and rain is in the area and the rainbow will be directly in front of you. We are likely to see several this week with it being partly sunny and numerous showers.

The rainbow is mentioned in the Bible, Genesis



9:13-17. You can reach me anytime if you need weather information or have ques-

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Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen: still thriving

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen has gone through a lot of changes over the last several years.

Every step has been a great one, according to volunteers. Even during the pandemic, volunteers masked up and continue to serve in drive by fashion.

Now, the soup kitchen, located on South Cannon Boulevard, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for dinner. Serving time is 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

There is even talk of a third night of serving. Stay tuned for later this fall.

The non profit's board members note they're truly thankful to all the churches, individuals and businesses who've given their time and resources to serve, "The least of these."



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church's message will be "Saved By Grace." The service will be livestreamed.

"Rolling Up Our Sleeves" from John 13:1-17 will be the message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. Services are livestreamed.

Grace Baptist Church's message will be "Judgment Seat Of Christ" from 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.

The Kellys will appear in concert Sunday, Aug. 7 at **Longview Baptist Church**, 101 Cooper Road near Unionville.

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.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

The Story series continues Sunday with "Solomon - the King Who Had It All" at **First Christian Church**.

Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ's series on "The Superior Teachings of Jesus" continues Sunday morning with the lesson "Jesus, a Hero?" from Luke 23:39-43. The Summer Series continues Wednesday with Josh Schwartz speaking on "A Fellowship Which Looks Like A Body." Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church will be blessing backpacks this Sunday before the new school year starts. The sermon will focus on Colossians 3:1-11. Services are livestreamed on Facebook.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!

HUNTER'S NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

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Red Sand Project into 8th year

Human Trafficking continues

With the Red Sand Project going into its 8th year, it stands to reason that human trafficking is still an issue around the country and right here in Bedford County. This is "Human Trafficking Awareness Week" in Bedford County.

Tennessee Department of Health, which includes Bedford County Health Department, promoted Red Sand Project observances statewide, including on the grounds of the historic Bedford County Courthouse this week. Desiree Mullis, founder and president of the Full Moon

Healing Project, which works with survivors of various types of trauma including domestic abuse and human trafficking, was guest speaker.

A proclamation was signed by Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham proclaimed July 24-30 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Week" in Bedford County.

The Red Sand Project, launched in 2014, is an annual

event designed to raise awareness of the problem of human trafficking. While many people think of human trafficking based on images from pop culture of people being whisked away to or from foreign countries, human trafficking can be a local problem even in a community like Shelbyville, where people are manipulated into doing sex work. An estimated 40.3 million

individuals live in slavery, whether in forced marriages, forced labor or sexual exploitation. The Red Sand Project uses red sand, placed in sidewalk cracks, as a way of drawing attention to the issue.

If you know someone who needs help to escape trafficking, call the Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline at 855-558-6484.



The cost of 'catching up'



Zoe Haggard

I was intrigued by a statement Mayor Chad Graham made recently about the property tax increase and pay scale readjustment. "So, when we look at this number and it seems like a great number—\$4 million—at one time here for this body, this really is just catching-up." But why is Bedford just now "catching up" and why are citizens having to pay for it? Let's take a few steps back and look.

That \$4 million, of course, refers to how much it will take to readjust the county government pay scale. This number is basically the majority of the revenue that will come from this tax hike of \$2.32 per \$100 of assessed property.

Commissioner Linda Yockey described previous commissioner boards as "conservative." Which is why only a 1 percent yearly raise was offered for county employees. From 2011 to 2016, the County tax rate was \$2.27. It was then increased to \$2.52 in 2017. Then there was another increase for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to \$2.56.

At the start of the new fiscal year, in June of 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved an overall county property tax rate of \$2.66. The entire amount of the raise was to pay for 20 additional employees that the state said were needed in order to operate the new county jail when it opened later that year.

A tax levy was then set at \$1.97 in July of 2021. At the time, the lower rate was offset by much higher property values due to 2021 reappraisals, and according to state officials, the county's revenue was approximately the same as before.

Kind of looks like the tax rate has been all over the place. However, that's the sticky part: changing rates amid higher property values means people are having to pay more and more. The City of Shelbyville "lowered" their property tax last year from \$1.77 to \$1.59. Lowered is emphasized because since last year was a reassessment year, residents ended up paying more even though the rate was lower. Figure that yourself, as a property owner.

Bedford resident Logan Johnson owns a property that's valued at \$287,000. He said last year his taxes went up \$211 and since he put doors on a carport this year, it went up another \$44. And now the \$1,100 he's paying is going up again.

Johnson raised concerns over not seeing results in better road conditions or more jobs brought to Bedford. On one hand, it's good to see the County "catching up" and getting its act together. Because if our government can't handle something like pay scales, then what makes us think they can run a county as wide and ever-growing as Bedford?

Plus, the services of emergency management and first responders are desperately needed (only eight full-time firefighters for the County, according to Fire Chief Mark Thomas) while the many vacancies are a concern for many. People from all angles can point their fingers to the many rea-

sons why rates remain the same or are lowered or are increased. But the question of caution to ask is for a County like Bedford, that has grown slowly for so many decades, how much change is too much change?

This is one of the reasons why the County is "catching up" and residents are having to pay for it. Then there's the split among the Commission. It's concerning as a reporter to sit through meetings where many commissioners are still upset at how the tax rate increase was handled.

Many of them—Biff Farrar, Tony Smith, Linda Yockey—say the voting process happened too quickly and that there wasn't enough discussion. Others—like Greg Vick and Mayor Chad Graham—say it's now or never.

Whatever side of the debate you land on, it boils down to growth in moderation. And with the recent announcement that a South Korean-based battery company, called Duksan Electera, is coming to Shelbyville, how well can Bedford keep up with its promises to maintain such growth and industry?

How can Bedford retain its identity?

How can Bedford maintain its green space and agriculture?

At the County Commission meeting, they seemed to hint that they'll figure that out "when they get there."

Let's hope they do—before they have to reach into the pockets of Bedford Countians, again.

• *Zoe Haggard is a full-time T-G staff writer. She is a recent graduate of Middle Tennessee State University. She currently covers local events and county government.*

'The forefront of an EV revolution'

As we are all aware, Duksan America is constructing a manufacturing facility in Shelbyville to make electrolyte for batteries to be used in electric vehicles or EVs. I know that several of our local Shelbyvillians have been diligently working to acquire this business. They should all be thanked for their work. As the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Mr. Stuart McWhorter stated, "Tennessee is at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution." With the Ford Blue Oval plant in West Tennessee, the GM EV battery plant in Spring Hill, the Cadillac EV plant in Spring Hill, Nissan EVs in Smyrna and Volkswagen manufacturing EV models in their Chattanooga facility – there is no doubt that Tennessee is the manufacturing hub of EVs in the United States.

Apparently, several Republicans in this state including our own Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Bill Haggerty and our US Representative Scott Desjarlais have not gotten the memo about the Tennessee EV industry. The federal Infrastructure Bill included \$7.5 billion to build over 500,000 EV charging stations throughout the US. EV charging stations are needed to keep these vehicles moving. The

bill passed, both Senator Blackburn and Senator Haggerty voted against it as did Rep. Desjarlais. The new Tritium EV charger manufacturing plant in Lebanon, which has 500 new jobs, is a direct result of this bill.

The Build Back Better initiative, which never got voted on in the Senate because of Republican opposition, included a tax credit for electric vehicle purchase; however, a new bill called the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 includes tax credits for both new and used electric vehicles and lifts the cap off the number of electric vehicle owners that can receive the credit as a function of the manufacturer – which will be a boon to our Tennessee EV builders. This bill is going through reconciliation because it is anticipated there will be no Republican support, which includes our Senators and Representatives. Senator Blackburn is already bad mouthing this bill.

Finally, the Semiconductor Bill which recently passed, encourages the manufacturing of semiconductors in the US. As we know an EV is nothing more than a com-

puter on wheels – so US manufacturing of these items will assure supply – and our Tennessee EV auto plants would not shut down because China cut supply of semiconductors. Our own Senator Blackburn voted against this bill. It now goes to the House; the bet is that Representative Desjarlais votes against it. I add that Blackburn and Haggerty voted against supporting Ukraine funding as Desjarlais; Desjarlais voted against supporting NATO on two separate bills – who are these elected officials working for?

As a Democrat, I have little influence over our US Senators and our US Representative. However, there are people in this community that do. The question before all our local Republicans is – Do you want this EV industry in Tennessee? If so, then let's all work together to get and keep it, including having our federal representatives support it. If not, then get your diesel pickup and run up and down the road with the Let's Go Brandon flag fluttering in the wind while blowing coal. Remember though, the Chinese are building an EV auto industry and will ship those vehicles to Tennessee.

Van H. Ayers
Chair, Bedford County Democratic Party



Van H. Ayers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I FARM. I VOTE.

In Tennessee, rural areas are an important part of the state. I Farm/I Vote is an initiative to encourage farmers and rural Tennesseans to get out and vote. Bedford County Farm Bureau is a proud sponsor of this movement. Rural votes matter and we encourage you to vote to ensure the voices of agriculture are heard.

Thank you.
Renee Reeves

BCFB Secretary

Why Measure Schools Based on Spending Rather than Outcomes?

Why is it that politicians rate schools by how much money we spend on them rather than the quality of student they produce? Could it be the desire to spend other people's

money supersede the goal of educating children? If Bedford County Schools can provide a strong and proper education for less money, isn't that a good thing? Isn't that something other school districts would want to emulate?

Paul Engel
Founder & Talk Show Host - The Constitution Study



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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Still a N. Dakota boy

Lynn and I are going to take a vacation together, just the two of us... no children, just Lynn and Doug.

We are flying up to North Country, to the land that produces people like me.

I am a North Dakota Boy through and through!

Like they say: "You can take the boy out of North Dakota, but you can't take North Dakota out of the boy."

I think they say that. Well, I just said it! So... it must be true. Right?

We are going up North to see my big sister, Cindi, and her family. Cindi just celebrated the Big 7-0... So we are going to celebrate Cindi. Maybe we'll even eat cake.

And...Lynn and I are going to attend my 50th high school class reunion.

The last time I saw most of those people we were just 18-year-old kids ready to go out and tackle the world. And now... we are older, greyer, and hopefully wiser.

Looking back over they years from 1972 to 2022, I can honestly say that I've learned a lot; and maybe, just maybe, I'm even a little bit wiser.

Over those 50 years, I've learned...that it's not what you have in your life but who you have in your life that really matters.

I've learned...that it takes you a long time to become the person you want to be. And I've learned...that you shouldn't be comparing yourself to others. Let's just be the 'ME' that God created us to be.

I've learned...that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for the rest of your life.

And, I've learned...that it takes a good while to build trust with someone, and just like that... trust can be gone with the snap of a finger.

I've learned...that you should always leave your loved ones with kind and loving words. Tell them that you love them. It may be the last time you see them.

I've learned...that real heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

And those heroes don't wear capes and leap over tall buildings or fly around at the speed of light.

I've learned...that you and your best friends can do anything, or nothing, and have the best time doing it. You can talk up a storm or just be quiet and enjoy the silence...together.

▶ See **Doug**, Page 3B



Julie and Daniel enjoy the dog show at the fair. In fact, there isn't really much they don't like about the summer event.



Julie Smith and Daniel Calahan took in as much fun as possible at last week's county fair at the Ag Center on Midland Road



Mark McGee
My Take

Death

Have you ever held someone's hand as they passed from this world?

Friday night my girlfriend of 25 years lost her battle with cancer. She fought hard. She always had a cheerful outlook. She was always looking ahead. Her mantra in the final couple of months was "it's all good."

Her family and many of her numerous friends had been with her during the final five days of her life. Late in the afternoon Friday it became apparent she wasn't going to be with us much longer. So, she was surrounded by family and friends as she struggled in those final hours.

The key concern in those last days was keeping her comfortable. When dealing with someone in the final days of stage four cancer that is the best you can do.

She was lying on her couch with all of us around her. Several of us had taken turns sitting in a chair next to her.

He brother unselfishly allowed me to sit in that seat for the final 30 minutes of his sister's life. He held her other hand.

I grabbed her hand and she constantly squeezed it. Some said she appeared to perk up when I sat down and took her hand. I pray that I was a hand to her in the final minutes of her life.

She had been unable to talk for a few days. When she looked at me as her departure time was nearing there was a mixture of fear, desperation and even a tear or two in her eyes. She appeared to be imploring me to help her, but all I could do was urge her to move on to her next, and better stage, of her existence. I have never felt so useless.

For several minutes she breathed heavily. Then her chest stopped heaving. A moaning sound, indicating she was getting weaker, was coming from her mouth.

It is called "a death rattle" and it can take many forms in terms of sounds. Even though her death rattle was softer than some of the descriptions, it was haunting, nonetheless.

I never want to hear it again. Her face at the moment of death is an image I will never be able to erase from my memory.

She was supposed to live and take care of me. Her decisions, made 11 years ago when I was stricken with an aortic dissection, are the reasons I am still here and able to write this column. She saw me through my neurosurgery and colon cancer surgery this year, even though she was dealing with her own issues in fighting her cancer.

I am going to miss her on so many levels. But I know she is in a better place and I am comforted by that thought.

BC fair: tradition for Julie Smith

By **DAWN HANKINS**
dhankins@t-g.com

There are some folks who really enjoy the county fair and then there are those whose life just wouldn't be complete each summer without it. Julie Smith says she's one of those—a die hard fan.

Julie has enjoyed the county fair since she was a young girl. This year, she entered a division in the Fairest of the Fair pageant and placed 2nd runner up.

She and Daniel Calahan took in just about every event from

livestock competitions to riding the Ferris Wheel. The food booths were awesome, she says. "We just enjoy the fair, so much."

They were also exhibitors in several of the competitions. Daniel won first in one of the dog shows with their fur buddy, "Chloe." Julie says the dogs felt right at home at the Ag Center, including pup "Gracie."

The two entered a lot of the competitions, taking home several ribbons again this year. Daniel was a champion at some the game booths.

They attended car shows and cow shows. "We enjoyed learning about the old farm tools," notes Julie.

They were there to support friends performing in shows. They enjoy the music and Mid-State Cloggers.

As the fair closed up on Saturday night at the fairgrounds, Julie was a little sad, but says she's proud there's still a county fair in her hometown. "It's a yearly tradition for us."

See more photos on page 3B.



Submitted Photos

Julie Smith says everyone knows you must have a hat when attending the Bedford County Fair.



Julie won second place for her scrapbook at the fair.

BEDFORD COUNTY FAIR



Photo by Jordan Frame

Photographer Jordan Frame snapped this spectacular shot of Bedford County Fair last week.



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Is the gardening craze growing on you?

According to the National Gardening Association, the number of households growing their own vegetables, fruit and other foods has tripled since 2008.

(Coincidentally, the number of households stocking up on earplugs to keep from hearing neighbors brag about growing their own vegetables, fruit and other foods has also tripled since 2008. But I digress.)

Since last year alone, multi-family community gardens have increased by 22 percent. Such gardens would spread even faster if organizers could weed out the “participants” who try to abuse the division of labor.

For instance, the “researcher” who helps out by lying all day on his sofa, analyzing the 1978 film “Attack of the Killer Tomatoes.” (“Hey, Mike – I’m going to need another bucket of that locally produced popcorn, with locally produced hot butter. Chop chop!”)

In times of high inflation, a home garden can be a lifesaver. Financially strapped consumers can save money while also eating a more nutrient-rich diet. Consequently, they will have the funds and energy to go out campaigning for the politicians who got them into times of high inflation to start with! Some people’s gourds have been out in the sun too long, if you catch my drift.

Today’s gardeners love communing with Mother Nature – assuming Mother Nature recognizes them through all the insect repellent and SPF bazillion sunscreen.

Neophyte gardeners revel in the convenience of walking right out and plucking an edible from the vine – after first scheduling an emergency visit with the chiropractor. (“I’m tired, doc, but it’s a good... golly, are those x-rays even human???”)

Gardeners take pride in doing their small share to reduce their carbon footprint. Or is it that they take pride in doing their small share to use soil stolen from Indigenous peoples to cut migratory farm laborers, truck drivers and grocers out of a job? I always get those confused.



Danny Tyree
Tyrades

Today’s gardens hearken back to the patriotic Victory Gardens of World War II. But our modern culture can reduce their status to more of a “Waving the White Flag” garden. (“Okay, Junior, but you have to PROMISE to help shell these nutritious peas after I drive you around the corner and buy you a 64-ounce Medium Gulp. And no, there’s not an app for shelling peas.”)

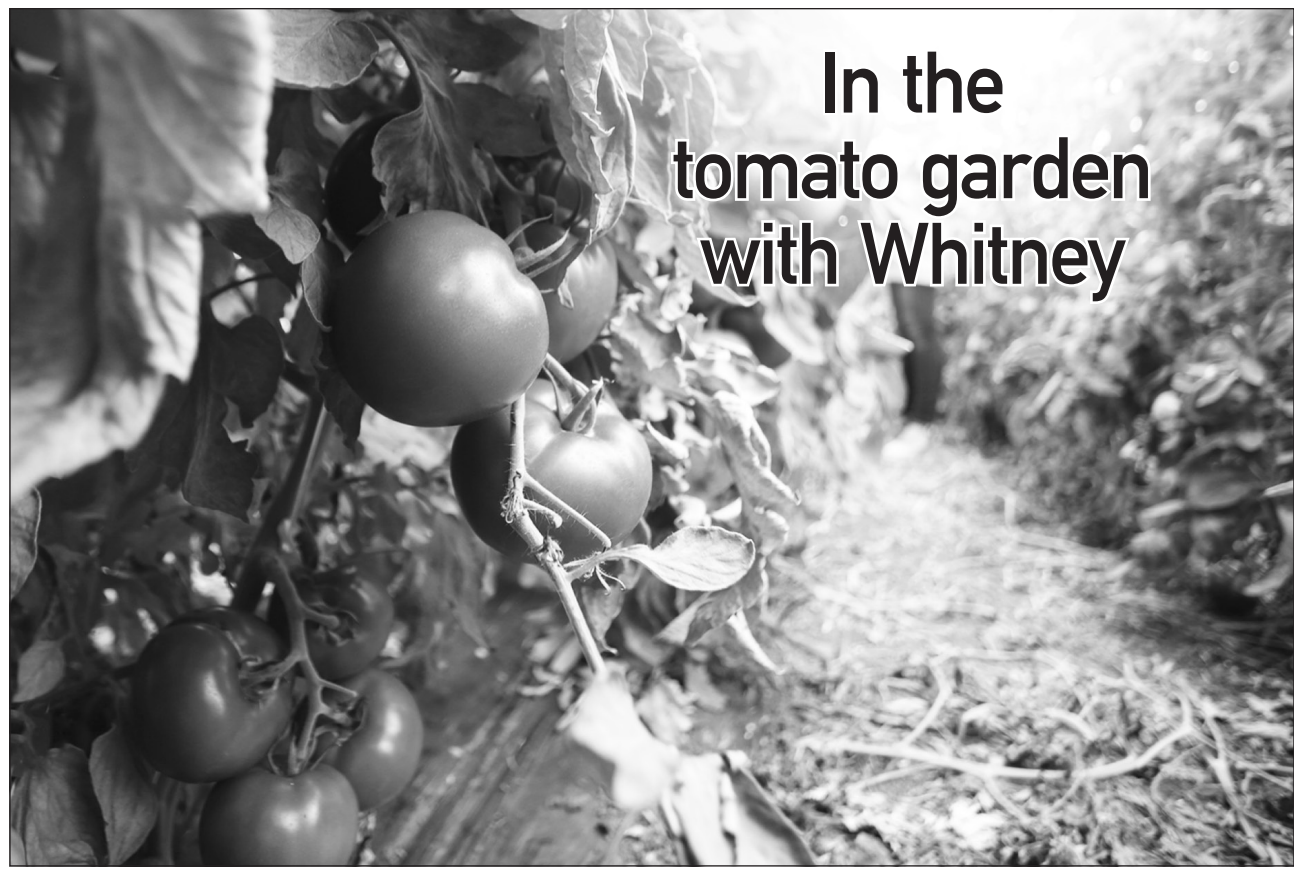
Sometimes gardeners get a little too emotionally involved in their horticultural hobby. They aren’t satisfied to let professionals 2,000 miles away tend to pesticides. No, they insist on going the “This time it’s personal!” route when dispatching aphids, worms and beetles. If these people load me down with a two-year supply of rutabagas, I thank them profusely and walk backwards all the way to the car.

Believe me, I understand about dissatisfaction with cardboard-adjacent vegetables that are engineered for transportation and storage. On the other hand, gardeners sometimes get on their high horse and twist everyday words into strong pejoratives. (“Yes, my husband is a vegetable since his accident, but at least he’s not a STORE-BOUGHT vegetable!”)

It will be interesting to see how many gardeners are in it for the long haul (pardon my French, logistics-phobes) and how many are just dabbling with a new pastime in the post-pandemic era.

Overheard at a dinner party: “I am serious. This is not a fad. I don’t do fads. Now pass the brussels sprouts and help yourself to more of the Tide Pods souffle and Beanie Babies casserole.”

• *Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page “Tyree’s Tyrades.”*



In the tomato garden with Whitney

‘Tomayto, Tomahito’

Summer tomato recipes



Whitney Danhof
Seasonal Eating

By **WHITNEY DANHOF**
 BC Extension Agent

Tomatoes are summer’s crowning glory. There is nothing like a red, ripe, juicy, summer tomato, especially fresh off the vine.

Below are some tips, recipes and information to help you enjoy this bounty of summer flavor. No matter how you say it, tomatoes are always delicious!

Nutrition facts: Tomatoes are low in calories and high in nutrients. They’re excellent sources of Vitamins A and C. They are high in lutein and lycopene, which studies show supports healthy vision.

Tomatoes are one of the most popular vegetables to grow but they can be challenging as well with diseases and need for constant care.

To grill tomatoes, heat a greased pan to medium-high heat. Cut tomatoes in half and lay face down on a paper towel and let sit for 30 minutes. Places halves face down in a pan and grill for 5 minutes. Turn and grill for 1 minute or until skin is charred. Remove tomatoes from heat and let cool.

Fresh Tomato Summer Salsa

- 7 Roma tomatoes
- 2 jalapeño peppers, finely chopped
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- juice from 1 lime
- 1/4 C. fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the tomatoes and boil for about 2 minutes or until the skins split. Remove from the pot and place in a bowl of cold water to cool. Peel and chop the tomatoes into 1/4-inch



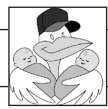
cubes. Stir in the peppers, onion, garlic, lime juice and cilantro, salt, oregano and cumin. Allow to sit at room temperature for about an hour and then refrigerate until ready to use. Serve with tortilla chips.

Shrimp, Fennel and Tomato Sheet Pan Dinner

- 1 fennel bulb
- 4 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- Kosher salt
- black pepper
- 5 oz. cherry tomatoes
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. crushed, red pepper
- 1/4 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/8 tsp. onion powder
- 1 lb. peeled and deveined large shrimp

Remove tops from fennel bulb. Cut bulb in half vertically and cut

out core. Slice fennel into 1/4-inch slices. Toss with 1 tablespoon oil, Parmesan cheese and a big pinch of salt and some pepper. Place on one end of a silpat or parchment-lined baking sheet. Place in a 375 degree oven for 10 minutes. In the meantime, toss tomatoes with 1 tablespoon olive oil and a pinch of Kosher salt and pepper. In another bowl, stir together remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil, garlic and crushed, red pepper, 1/4 tsp. Kosher salt, pinch of pepper, Italian seasoning and onion powder. Add shrimp and set aside. After fennel has cooked for 10 minutes, add the tomatoes to the opposite end of the sheet pan. Return to the oven for 20 minutes more. After that 20 minutes, add the shrimp to the center of the pan with a slotted spoon to drain. Cook for 10 more minutes until shrimp are opaque and cooked through and the fennel is tender.



HELLO WORLD

FITZ ANDREW BURCHETT

Jordan and Kelly Burchett of Hoover, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Fitz Andrew, on June 16, in Birmingham, Ala.

The baby weighed 7 pounds and 1 oz. He is brother to Annie Scott, 19 months.

Grandparents are Glenn and Barbara Burchett of Huntsville, Ala., and formerly of Shelbyville and Jeffrey and Jenny Shaffer of Auburn, Ala.

FCE CLUBS MEET

Butler’s Creek FCE

Butler’s Creek Family and Community Education Clubs (FCE) met at the UT/TSU Extension Office in Shelbyville on Monday evening, July 11 with members and extension agent, Whitney Danhof, in attendance.

Vicki Faulkner called the meeting to order with a hint for keeping ice cream cones from dippings and reminded members that July is “ice cream month.”

The roll call asked members to respond with their favorite flavor of ice cream. Refreshments of homemade ice cream with a variety of toppings and homemade cookies were provided by Louise Moore, Brenda

Gregory, Susie Henderson and Vicki Faulkner. A gift was presented to Debbie Crosslin by members in thanks for hosting the June fish fry.

The program, “Tomayto, Tomahito” was presented by Whitney with detailed information about growing tomatoes. She handed out canning information and recipes using tomatoes. An interesting feature club members report was showing three “beautiful” tomato serving spoons and giving a bit of history about them.

New business included “May Marathon” medals awarded by Whitney to five members who participated. Pat Crick completed

a full marathon. Melissa Turrentine, Vicki Faulker, Susie Henderson and Cindi Lindsey completed a half marathon.

A ‘thank you’ card was read from 4-H member Katie Leverette who attended 4-H camp this summer. She had received a donation towards 4-H camp made in Lorraine Sutton’s name.

Personal hygiene items were collected to be donated and distributed by the Soup Kitchen ministry. The club will continue to collect caps and lids towards a recycled plastic “Buddy Bench” at monthly meetings.

Community service projects were discussed. The motion to purchase and

donate four—\$25— gift cards was a motion made by Amy Martin and seconded by Susie Henderson. The motion was passed by 100% vote.

Club demonstrations included Barbara Troxler demonstrating a needlepoint piece that she had completed and had framed into a serving tray. The center of the piece featured a beautifully, stitched frog.

Louise Moore displayed a turquoise, waffle-pattern baby blanket, featuring a white border she had crocheted.

Cindi Lindsey showed three double ply (fingering weight yarn) sock blanks that she had dyed. Cindi briefly explained the dye

process, which includes separating the two identically dyed threads into two balls of yarn to knit an identical pair of socks with each blank.

Patty McEntire displayed a brightly colored baby quilt which used blocks made with star patterned blocks on the front, as well as on the back, that she quilted for her grandson.

Gloria Crick demonstrated a therapy “fidget” activity mat that she had sewn using various items that a child, or an elderly dementia or Alzheimer’s patient, could use to comfort themselves and relieve anxiety.

Debbie Crosslin showed

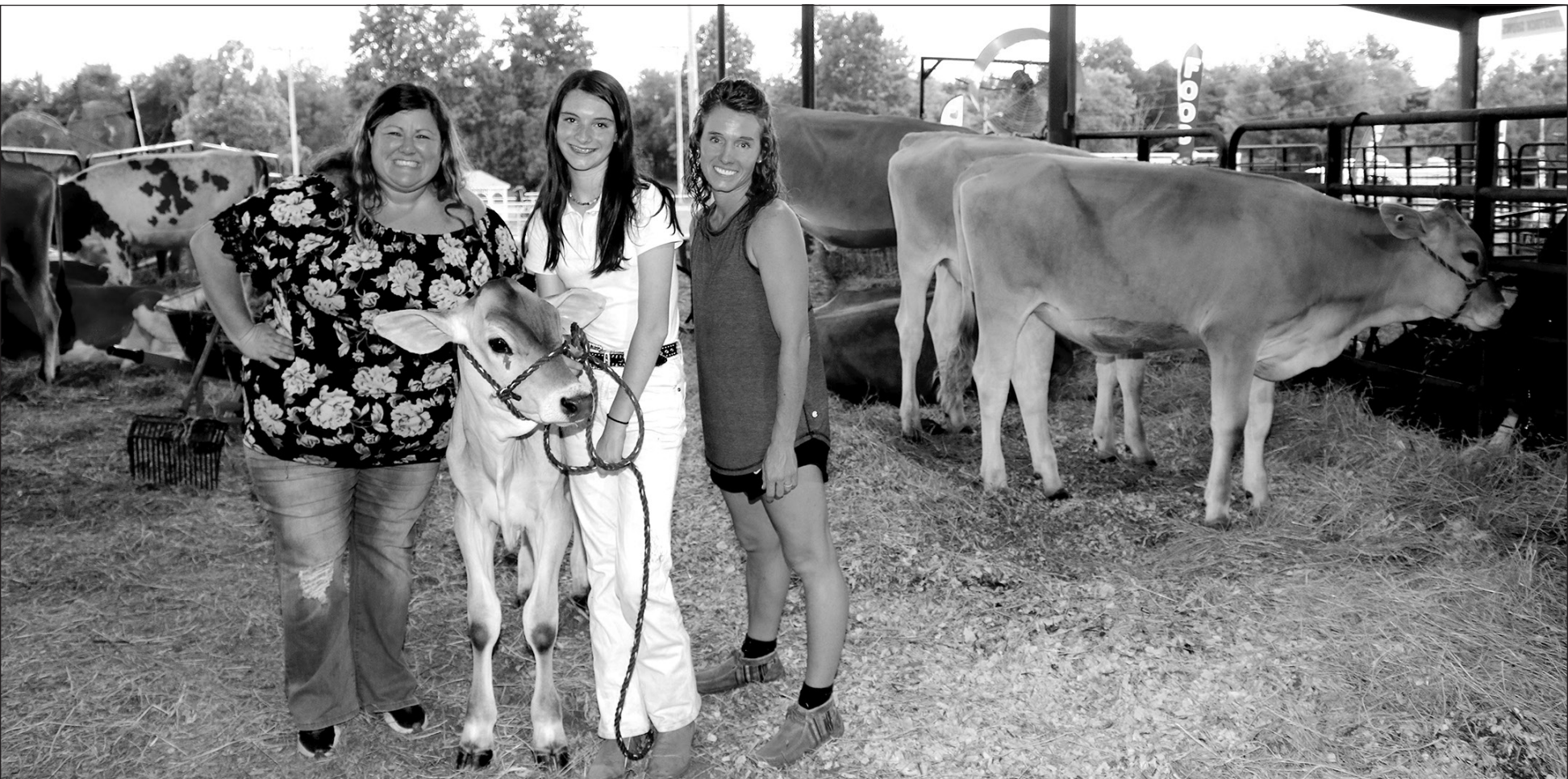
a very clever ideas of using a pair of worn out overalls to make a lovely kitchen apron. She also displayed a baby blanket with a matching burp cloth and changing pad that she had quilted.

Amy Martin displayed a veteran’s Quilt of Honor that was “adeptly quilted” with striking patterns which emphasized the beautiful fabrics used within the quilt itself.

The next meeting will be Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the extension office.

Vicki adjourned the meeting with a quote by Charles M. Schulz of “Peanuts.” He said, “Life is like an ice cream cone, you have to lick it one day at a time.”

Julie and Daniel take in the fair



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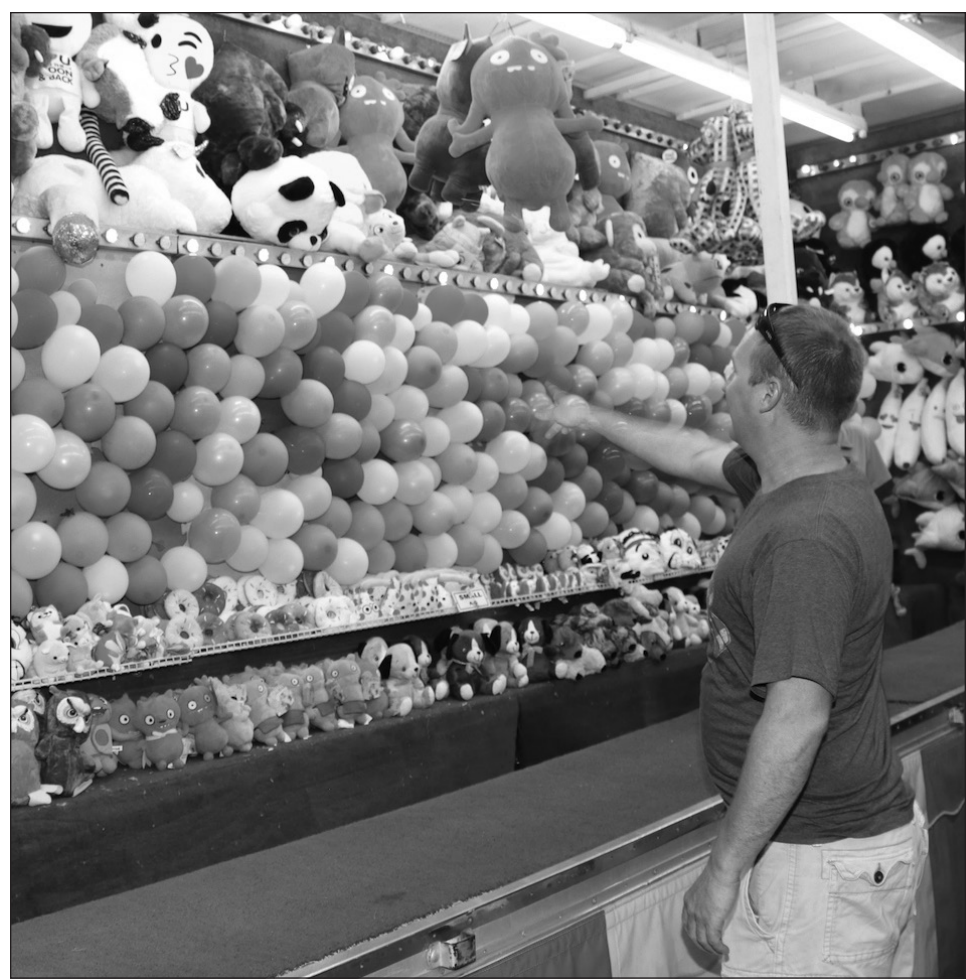
Growing up in the rural area of Bedford County, going to cow shows is just old hat for Julie Smith, family and friends.

FAIR SELFIE



There were plenty of fun selfies to be taken at Bedford County Fair last week.

HE'S A WINNER



In her eyes, Julie says Daniel can do just about anything well, including win her prizes from games at the county fair.

TIME FOR GLAMOUR



Julie entered the Fairest of the Fair competition and took home a second place award. She and Daniel just enjoy life, she says.

FARM PORTRAIT



This might not be the typical photo some folks might hang on their wall at home, but Julie Smith and Daniel Calahan love Bedford County Fair so much, it seems only fitting they get this photo.

ART SHOW



Julie is even great at photos and the artistic way she presents them. She received awards this year.

Doug

(Continued from Page 1B)

I've learned...that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel. I have a coffee mug that says, 'Be Kind!' And I need to take it's advice.

I've learned...that true friendship continues to grow, even over long distances.

I've learned...that true maturity has more to do with what type of

experiences you've had and what you've learned from those experiences, and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I've learned...that Families aren't always biological, and people you aren't related to can take care of you and love you and teach you how to love others.

I've learned...that all the mess you make of your life can be cleaned up if you ask God to help you do the cleaning.

I've learned... that

sometimes you have to discover how to forgive yourself... maybe even over and over again.

I've learned...that God is always willing to forgive us. And He will help us forgive others.

I've learned...that no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop spinning. We have to move on...one step at a time.

I've learned...that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who

we become.

I've learned...that just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other; and just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I've learned...that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different. And that's okay.

I've learned...that no matter how you try to protect your children, they will eventually get hurt, and you will hurt in the process. But you can hurt together...and then heal

together.

I've learned...that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out for help, you will find the strength to help.

I've learned...that credentials on the wall don't always make you a decent human being.

I've learned...that sometimes the people you care about most in life are taken from you way too soon. But, we need to keep moving forward and cherish the memories.

I've learned...that

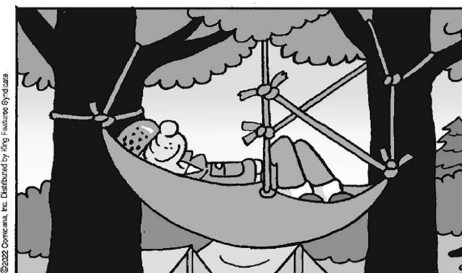
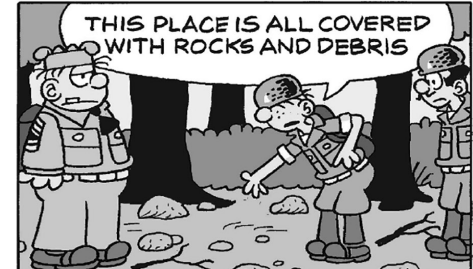
people may forget what you said, but people will remember what you did and how that made them feel.

I've learned...that we never stop learning. And I have so much yet to learn.

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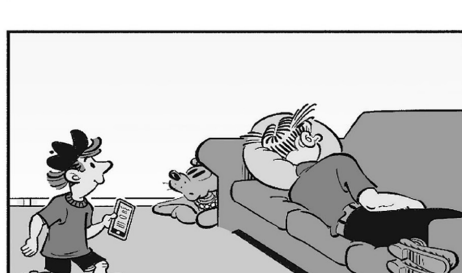
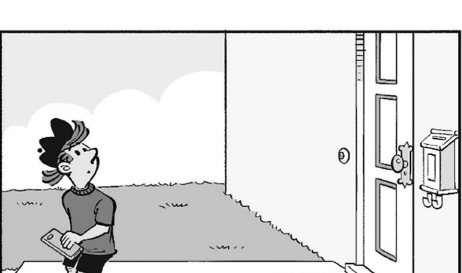
Mort Walker's beetle bailey



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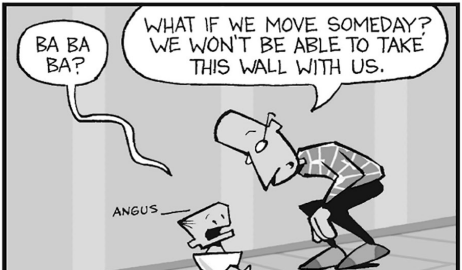
Baby Blues

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



DADDY DAZE BY JOHN KOVALESKI

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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marculiano

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY MOM'S GOING TO SELL THIS HOUSE...

IT'S THE ONLY HOUSE I GREW UP IN. THIS IS MY ONE CHILDHOOD HOME. THIS WAS MY BEDROOM. THAT'S MY OLD R.E.M. POSTER...

AND TO THINK THAT ONE DAY IT...IT WON'T BE OUR HOME. IT WILL BE SOMEONE ELSE'S. I WON'T BE VISITING HERE ANYMORE. IT'S ALL A LITTLE...HARD.

TED, YOU LEFT HERE TO START YOUR LIFE. AND NOW YOUR MOM IS LEAVING SO SHE CAN START HER NEW LIFE. IT'S...IT'S WHAT HAPPENS. IT'S HOW WE ALL MOVE FORWARD...

I KNOW. I KNOW...

WELL, WHEN WE RETURN TO OUR HOUSE I'D BETTER START CLEANING THE GARAGE FOR EVERYTHING I'LL BE BRINGING BACK FROM HERE.

YEAH, YOU AND I NEED TO HAVE A VERY BRIEF AND TO-THE-POINT CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT.

DARLING, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

THREE... ...COUNTING TONIGHT.

MY SECOND TIME WAS IN THE COMPANY OF AN EXPERT WHO KNEW THESE STATUES, THESE HIEROGLYPHS--

WANT TO HEAR THE TALE?

NO, I WAS THINKING OF DOING MY HAIR TONIGHT...

YES, I WANT TO HEAR THE TALE!

IN ANCIENT EGYPT, THESE IDOLS YOU SEE HERE WERE GODS OF THE HIGHER REALM...

...OF IDEAS THAT ENNOBE THE WORLD.

SCIENCE, MEDICINE, WISDOM, TRUTH...

FARTHER ON WE'LL SEE GODS THAT PERSONIFIED THINGS THAT DIMINISH HUMANKIND.

VIOLENCE, CARNAGE, CHAOS...

BEYOND THAT, WE'LL SEE A VAST TOMB GUARDED BY A GOD SAID TO REPRESENT EVIL ITSELF.

GOD OF ALL EVIL? MY GOODNESS, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A FULL-TIME JOB!

MANAGING ALL THE MINOR GODS OF HUMAN MISERY? SURE, I SUPPOSE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE.

WE'LL SEE DEAD THINGS IN BOXES THERE, THEN THE PLACE STARTS TO GO...

...DOWN-HILL, YOU MIGHT SAY.

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel* 7-31-22

THERE'S DESTRUCTION EVERYWHERE IN THE DEEPER REGIONS. SCATTERED BONES OF MAN AND BEAST ALIKE.

THERE, IN 1624, THE 3RD PHANTOM LEFT OUR MARK ON A WALL...

...A SKULL INKED IN THE BLOOD HE'D SHED BATTLING THE THINGS SET LOOSE IN THIS PLACE.

The PHANTOM

LET'S GO! EVERYONE OUTSIDE!

WE'RE EATING OUTSIDE...

THE FOOD IS IN A BASKET...

I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING ON A PICNIC.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

THERE'S FRIED CHICKEN, CORN ON THE COB, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE...

WHERE ARE THE ANTS?

Hi and LOIS

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

THERE'S FRIED CHICKEN, CORN ON THE COB, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE...

WHERE ARE THE ANTS?

ZITS

YOU NEED TO EMPTY YOUR POCKETS BEFORE PUTTING CLOTHES IN THE LAUNDRY.

OOH! I WANTED TO FINISH THAT TACO!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I'VE DECIDED TO DO SOME SERIOUS DECLUTTERING, STARTING WITH CLOTHES I DON'T WEAR ANYMORE.

I'D LIKE TO GO THROUGH YOUR CLOTHES TOO.

FINE... FEEL FREE TO BE BRUTAL.

HOW ABOUT THIS FLANNEL SHIRT? I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME YOU WORE IT!

AND I DOUBT IT EVEN FITS YOU ANYMORE!

I SAID BRUTAL, NOT MEAN!

THE LOCKHORNS

"GOOD MORNING, HOW'S THE LIFE OF THE PARTY TODAY?"

"IT WAS BODY-SHAMING ME."

"HOW CAN YOU SAY I DON'T HAVE A SENSITIVE SIDE, LORETTA?...THAT REALLY HURTS."

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox and Max Mouse are the last ones to abandon this sinking cargo boat. In the absence of remaining life jackets or a raft, how did Slylock Fox devise an emergency flotation device?

HURRY!

Spot six differences between these panels.

Teachers, parents and grandparents! Share fun puzzle comics with youngsters every day at www.slylockfox.com

HOW TO DRAW a baby bunny

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Rebecca age 12

Storms are considered hurricanes when wind speeds reach ...

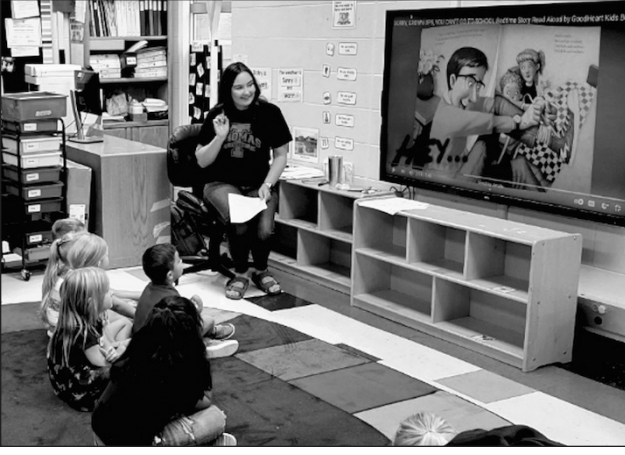
- a) 52 mph
- b) 65 mph
- c) 74 mph
- d) 88 mph
- e) 99 mph

Answer -- (c)

Answer -- Slylock

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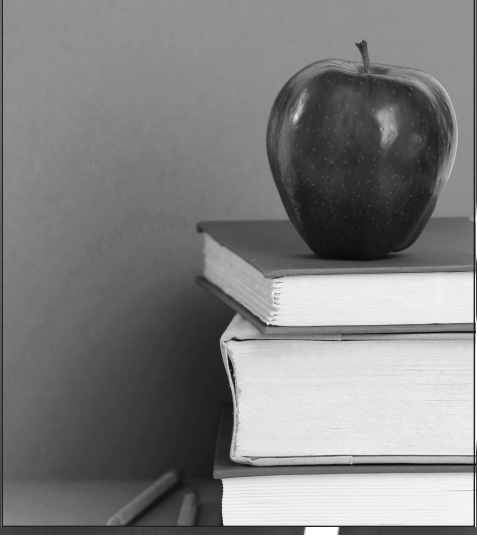
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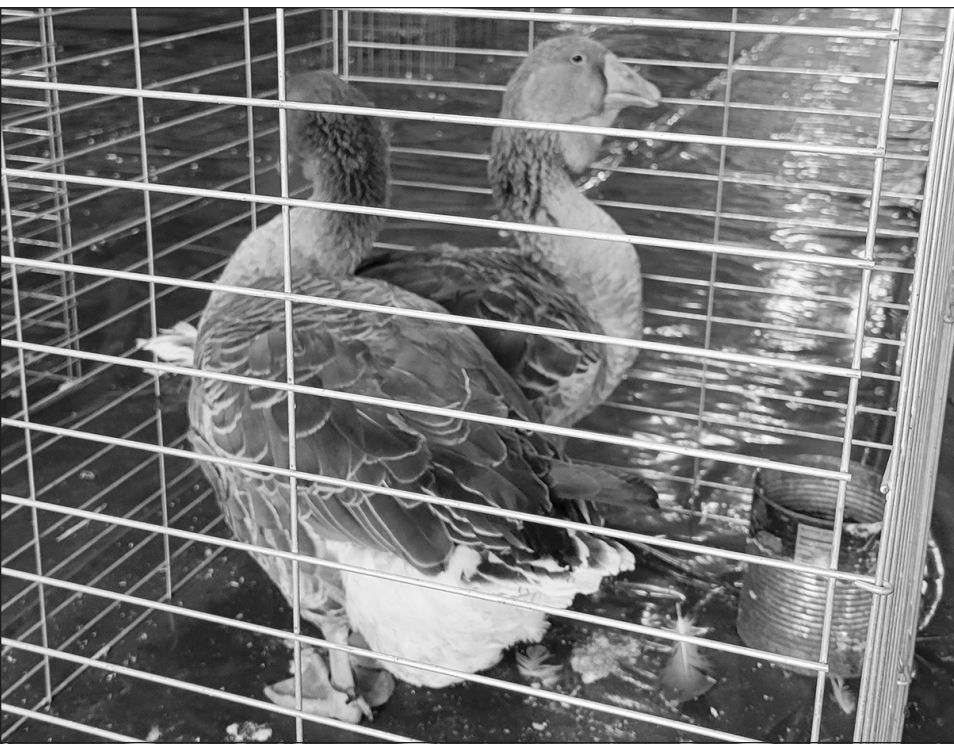


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Back-to-School





Graylag geese are the largest group of gray geese. Their wingspan can reach almost 69 inches on average.

T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard



ABOVE: The white bearded Silkie chicken is known as the most calm and friendly type of chicken.

BOTTOM LEFT: Crested chickens are always crowd pleasers with their rather wild "hairdos."



Chickens rule roost at the fair

One of the most fun attractions at Bedford County Fair has to be the chicken competition. The

birds come in all shapes, colors and sizes.

It takes a lot of work to put these beauties into competition.

24th Bedford County Fair comes to close

Lots of work, plenty of fun

Photos by Jordan Frame



Burchetts-Sheltons plan October wedding

Glenn and Barbara Burchett of Huntsville, Alabama and formerly of Shelbyville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Savannah Glyn, of Birmingham, Alabama, to Harrison Brooks Shelton, son of Stephen and Lora Shelton of Trussville, Alabama.

The bride-elect graduated from The Webb School in Bell Buckle. She obtained a bachelor of science in nursing from Samford University, Birmingham, and a master of science in nursing from the University of Alabama (UAB) in Birmingham. She is employed as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

The bride-to-be's late grandparents, John C. and Louise Helton and Jack and Sue Burchett, were all from Bedford County.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Samford University and is currently a student at the Cumberland School of Law. He is the



SAVANNAH BURCHETT AND HARRISON SHELTON

grandson of Don and June May of Warrior, Alabama, A.B. and Elaine Shelton of Woodland, Alabama, and the late Olivia Shelton. The couple will be wed Oct. 22 at Samford University, Birmingham.

Treat wedding guests extra special

Weddings may focus on couples getting hitched, but weddings can also be a good time to demonstrate a special thanks to the many family and friends, especially those involved in the festivities.

Some of the more successful weddings are ones in which couples honor their guests and let them know how much they're appreciated. By incorporating these ideas into wedding ceremonies and receptions, couples can let their guests know how much they're loved.

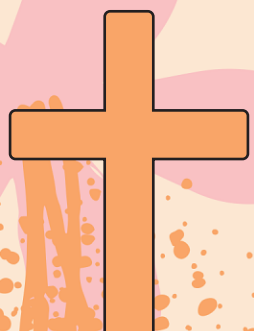
- Arrange seats at the ceremony (if practical) in a circular pattern around you so that everyone can have a great view when you exchange vows.
- Create a bathroom convenience basket for both the men's and women's bathrooms. Stock items that might come in handy, like mouthwash, toothpaste, first aid items, spare panty hose, hair spray, sanitary products, moisturizer, gum, and whatever other niceties.
- Provide prearranged to-go boxes so that guests can take home tasty tidbits from the meal or dessert table.
- Offer transportation between the ceremony and reception.
- Customize "do not disturb" door tags for overnight guests so they can ensure they get enough shut-eye
- Make sure the photographer takes photos of everyone at every table and then shares those photos on a wedding website or via social media. Create a hashtag unique to your wedding so that guests can easily find the photos.
- Provide inexpensive slippers or flip-flops so that avid dancers can rest their toes



in between songs.

- If valet parking service is not included, ask for an add-on so that guests get door-to-door treatment.
- Always be considerate of special needs by seating guests in places where they're most likely to be comfortable. Keep elderly guests away from speakers and near exits to facilitate trips to the bathroom.
- Be mindful of all food allergies or requirements and have accommodations set up in advance.
- Honor those people who could not be at the wedding in a special way, including deceased family and friends.
- Include information about how guests can request songs at the reception. Pass on the information to the band or DJ.
- Encourage guests to get up and dance by making it fun. Put song lyrics from different songs on each table. When that song is played, that table has to join you on the dance floor.
- Remember to thank everyone for coming and follow up those in-person sentiments with handwritten, personalized thank-you notes after the wedding.

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Lucky Duck river guide Fuzzey Garland paddles with a second kayak full of car tires pulled from the Duck River. In addition to supplying the Duck River with rentals, the guides at Lucky Duck also put in a lot of time, effort and resources into keeping the river clean.

Lucky Duck helps kayakers, river

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Over the last decade, there's been a surge in recreational sports and lifestyle activities that's been embraced by people of all ages.

One of the most popular activities has been kayaking and canoeing and it's no secret that Bedford County is home to one of the friendliest rivers for beginner kayakers in the state with the Duck River.

This summer, the owners and guides at Lucky Duck River Rentals have begun servicing the Duck River, as well as putting in time, effort and resources into keeping the river clean and safe for all to enjoy.

"I think the biggest thing right now is, of course it got popular before COVID, but I think

COVID had everyone want to get out," Lucky Duck owner Chuck Baker said.

Baker also feels the stretch of the Upper Duck is a great section of water for younger kayakers to dip their toes into the sport.

"I would say it's very family friendly. We get a lot of younger kids. They have a great experience that first time. That's what we want. We want them to have a good first experience," Baker said.

River guide Fuzzey Garland also helps take groups down the river with Lucky Duck as well.

"I think there's just a big boost for recreational activity. People trying to get exercise and trying to enjoy the outdoors in some way—it's an easy way for them to do it," he said.

One part of enjoying the river is also being a caretaker for the natural resource and keeping it clean and safe for all to enjoy.

Lucky Duck provides each kayaker with a TWRA trash bag that allows every boater to not only keep their imprint at a minimum, but also pick up any additional trash seen while paddling.

"We do provide every kayaker a trash bag that will leak through. We do provide everyone with a TWRA trash bag," Garland said.

Recently, Baker helped guide a couple down the river and the three helped pick up a bit of trash on their float.

"We had two ladies who paid for a guided tour and we ended up bringing a lot of stuff back. The biggest thing is if everyone could pick up the small stuff. The big

stuff is a little dangerous," Baker said.

In addition to taking tours down the river, the staff at Lucky Duck have put in several trips of hauling off bigger items, such as car tires, to help improve the river's safety and cleanliness.

Currently, Lucky Duck services three floats, ranging from an all-day 14 mile float, to a short, five mile trip.

"You can do the whole thing, but you've got to be here at 8 a.m. because we have to get you on the water early because it's an all-day float," Baker said.

For those interested in giving kayaking a shot, both Garland and Baker agreed on one piece of advice for a first-time kayaker—protect your phone.

"We had a lady who had a sim

card in her android for 10 years and lost it," Garland said.

In addition to kayak rentals, the Lucky Duck's main hub of operation at Halls Mill includes a restaurant and any amenities, including drinks and snacks, one would need for a day on the Duck.

With summer in full swing, prospective boaters can find additional information on rentals and floats at www.luckyduckriverrentals.com.

Baker hopes to extend the kayaking season into this fall as well.

"I think we'll shut it down in the fall, but I want to go as late as we can," he said.

"It's a great beginner float, it's beautiful and clean. It's a fun for families and entertaining," Garland said.

Five bold predictions for college football

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With just over a month until the 2022 college football season kicks off, teams are putting in the summer work, while fans' excitement, and perhaps anxiety, reaches a fever pitch, leading up to the season's start.

What storylines will dominate this season?

Will Alabama strike back at Georgia? Will Tennessee continue its rise to prominence under Josh Heupel?

While it's still the middle of summer, there are plenty of bold takes one what will crop up this season.

Here are five bold predictions for the upcoming 2022 college football season:

Tennessee beats either Georgia or Alabama

Tennessee is in the middle of arguably the best rise from ashes in recent memory in the college landscape.

The mess Jeremy Pruitt left behind, which ultimately led to his firing and 18 Level I violations, left the Tennessee administration scrambling to find his replacement.

With Phillip Fulmer on his way out of the administrative role as well, Tennessee turned to then-UCF athletic director Danny White, who in turn brought in Josh Heupel from UCF.

The tandem from Central Florida made sense as a package deal, but it was clear given the implications under Pruitt, Tennessee was going to be hit with a mass exodus of players due to the violations and recruiting restrictions.

Needless to say, the cupboard was fairly bare when Heupel stepped foot in Knoxville.

While expectations a season ago were essentially non-existent, Heupel and his

staff put forth one of the more competitive seasons by Tennessee with a ragtag roster and finished 7-6, and was one blown call away from winning the Music City Bowl against Purdue.

Not only was Tennessee knocking on the door of an eight-win season, the Vols were in a dog fight at Alabama and at one point in the fourth quarter, was within a single score of knocking off Alabama in Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Eventually, Alabama's depth wore down Tennessee and put the game well out of reach by scoring 21 unanswered points to close out the game.

Now a year into Heupel's tenure and a full year of recruiting, it's clear his system worked a season ago.

The emergence of Hendon Hooker as a bonafide star gives the Vols a real threat under center.

Last season, Hooker played in 13 games for the Vols and nearly hit the 3,000-yard barrier. He tossed 31 touchdowns and had just three interceptions, while completing 68% of his passes.

The Vols certainly have enough talent to play with the big boys in the conference and the preseason media poll has the Vols picked to finish third in the SEC East.

It's certainly a tall order for a rebuilding Tennessee team to beat the defending national champs, or the other team that played for a national title.

But Heupel runs a warp-speed offense and that's enough to gas even the best defenses in the nation.

Now that Tennessee has a little depth on its roster, and Hooker entering his second season in the system, it shouldn't be a stretch to think the Vols can knock off either of the SEC's two top dogs.

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Webb golfers off to strong start

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Webb School got off to a strong start on the 2022 season on Monday, taking second place in the Webb Invite, held at River Bend Country Club.

While the Feet took second place as a team, Kennedy Clarkson took third place overall for the girls with a 90.

Trinity Christian took first place as a team in the girls competition.

On the boys' side of the 18-hole match, Webb turned in a team score of 323, just six strokes off the top score turned in by FRA.

Consistency was the name of the game for the Feet, with Noah Brown, Andrew Reeves and Preston Hall each carding an 81, while Phoenix Khrathong posted the top score for Webb with an 80.

Webb returned to action on Thursday in the I-24 Invitational, which was held at Indian Hills Golf Course, however results were unavailable at press time.

Boys

Webb (323)
Phoenix Khrathong 80
Noah Brown 81
Andrew Reeves 81
Preston Hall 81
FRA (317)
PCA (342)
Columbia Acad. (360)
MTCS (373)

Miller leads Vikes to team win

T-G STAFF REPORT

WINCHESTER — The Community High School golf teams teed off the 2022 season on Tuesday afternoon at Bear Trace against Huntland and came away with a pair of wins.

On the girls' side of the match, only the Viqueens competed and senior Haley Mitchell posted the round-low of 62 to lead

the Viqueens.

Sara Brook Neill finished three strokes back with a 65.

For the Vikings, junior Logan Miller took medalist honors and posted a 44.

Blaine Paschal finished second individually with a 50, while Mason Russell and Nathan Stacy carded a 54 and 53, respectively, to round out the varsity scoring for the Purple and

Gold.

Huntland's Camden Smith posted the lowest score for the Hornets.

Community will return to action on Tuesday, facing Forrest and Cascade at Henry Horton.

Boys

Community (201)
Logan Miller 44
Mason Russell 54
Blaine Paschal 50
Nathan Stacy 53
Huntland (220)

Girls

Community (127)
Haley Mitchell 62
Sara Neill 65

C-USA in state of transition

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Western Kentucky

football coach Tyson Helton was part of Conference USA's inaugural season in 1996, as a freshman quarterback on his father's team at Houston that shared the first title. He was also previously an assistant coach for two other teams in the

league that is now in a state of transition.

The Hilltoppers have twice won nine games and been to bowl games in each of Helton's three seasons. They were league runner-ups last season, and are among the only five of C-USA's current 11 schools that will still be part of the

league a year from now.

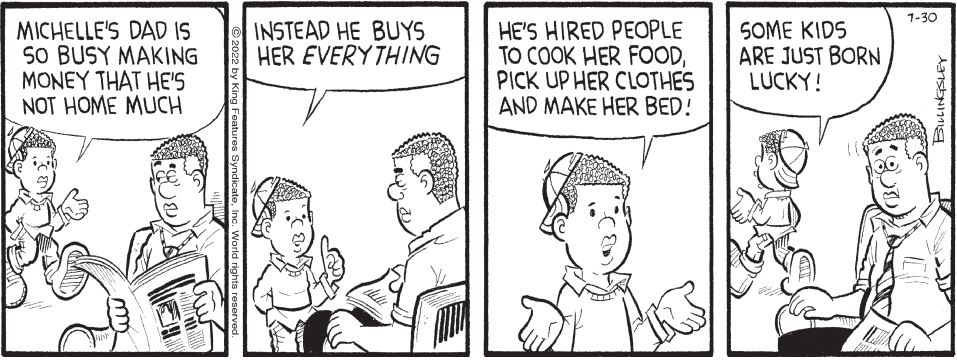
"I've seen this conference recreate itself many times over, and every time it's become stronger," Helton said Wednesday at the league's media day. "It's always been an exciting conference to play in. ... I'm focused on 2022. We've

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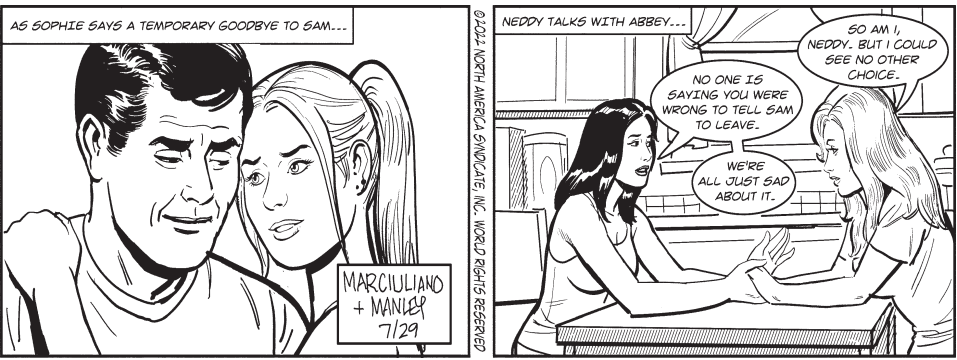
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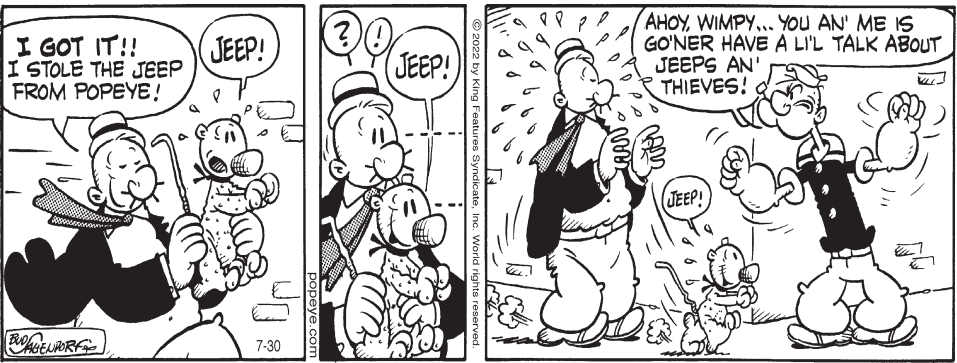
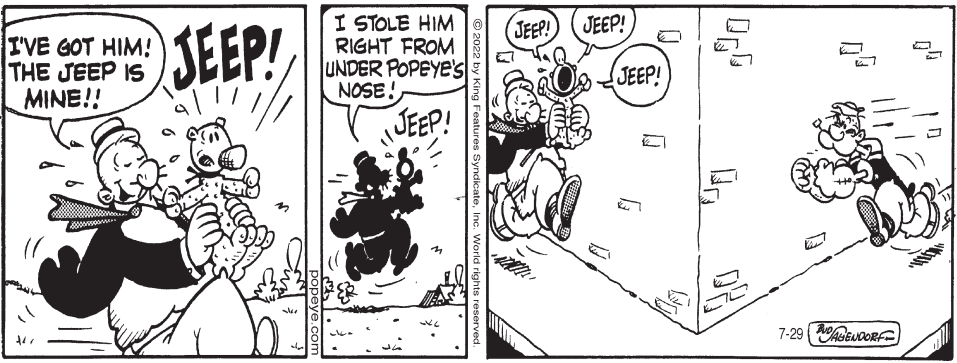
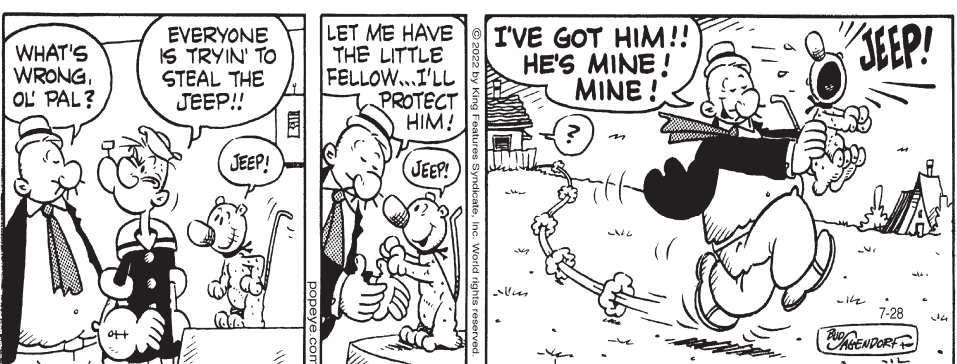
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Level: Beginner

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to irrigation.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 4 = R)

A. 23 3 16 11 10 1

Clue: Living organisms

B. 25 4 22 20

Clue: Get larger

C. 20 16 10 26 4

Clue: Hydrogen and oxygen

D. 7 22 1 26

Clue: Flexible tube

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!

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

ANSWER:

Answers: A. plants B. grow C. water D. hose



Liberty FCE Meets

Members enjoy 'National Ice Cream Month'



Liberty FCE met on July 18, with 8 members present. Club members answered the roll by telling their favorite flavor of ice cream.

Debbie Parker read the call to order themed, "An Ice Cream Sunday" in observance of July as National Ice Cream Month.

Lynn Wilhelm gave our devotion on "Honoring Those In Authority".

The Sunshine Report included Betty Renegar's birthday on July 12.

Club members brought something that they had made in past years for show and tell.

Adjournment included a quote from Charles Shulz's quote: "Life is like an ice cream cone, you have to lick it one day at a time."



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