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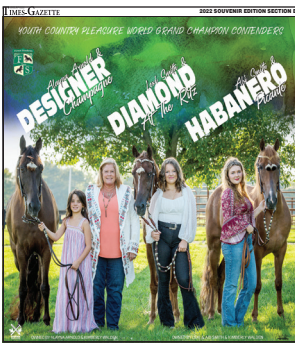
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## Finance committee meets

### Trustee talks collections

By ZOË HAGGARD  
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Bedford County Financial Management Committee met Tuesday to discuss new hirings and a resolution for the Trustee's office to potentially hire a collection agency.

Human Resource Director Shanna Boyette reported that several positions had been filled—accounts payable clerk, payroll clerk, all three juvenile detention officers, Juvenile Court's youth service officer, IT help analyst, three sheriff deputies, front desk receptionist for building and codes as well as several other positions around the county.

Emergency Medical Services also reported that two employees recently graduated paramedic school. They have also hired two more paramedics, which is the first applications they've had in 2 years, according to the report.

"So, we're fully staffed, as of mid-September . . . a direct result of the pay [increase,]" said EMS Director Ted Cox.

"Again, we're seeing some of the benefits of the tough decisions we've had to make," said Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham. "There will still be rocky days ahead, so don't let your guard down."

### 'Cleaning up' courts

Trustee Tonya Davis brought a resolution to the committee for the trustee department to retain an agent to collect payment of delinquent tangible personal property in accordance with the recently passed Tennessee House Bill No. 358.

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## Juvenile court's Cashion retires

By ZOË HAGGARD  
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Bedford County Juvenile Court Director Nicole Cashion was given a retirement reception Tuesday to celebrate her 30+ year career.

Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all matters regarding children 17 years old and younger, including matters of delinquency, truancy, unruly behavior, child support, and dependency and neglect.

"The primary function of Bedford County Youth Services is to weigh the interests of the community, victims and the child's family, while providing services that are in the best interest of the child," according

to the Bedford County website.

Cashion said she always knew she wanted to help people but wasn't sure in which career. The Bedford County native earned a law degree from the Nashville School of Law and began working with the courts in 1989 at the age of 21. She became director in 1999.

Bedford is a small county when it comes to resources, she said. As director, she was always looking for ways to provide effective programming, at no cost.

As a result, juvenile services developed a parenting group and an empathy program, which taught kids on probation

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## Wartrace water bills increasing Customers respond

By ZOË HAGGARD  
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Several Wartrace water district residents made comments at Thursday's Board of Mayor and Aldermen and study session about new water rates, which went into effect July 1.

Donna Smith said her bill went up from \$57 to \$78. "The increase hit us hard—with the county tax and this. It hit us hard. We're not going to be coming to the Iron Horse as much as we used to . . . I don't think it's fair."

She said there's been at least two leaks out in her direction that have been

reported before but have never been worked on.

Wartrace Mayor Cindy Drake said the water department does spend a lot of their time repairing such water leaks. But if a customer is without water, that is the first one they fix, she explained.

Drake said they hired a company that will help them identify the leaks since many of them are in obscure locations. According to town recorder Kathy Tyson, sometimes Tullahoma Utilities bills Wartrace for pipe repair through a

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### HIGH AND MIGHTY HE STANDS

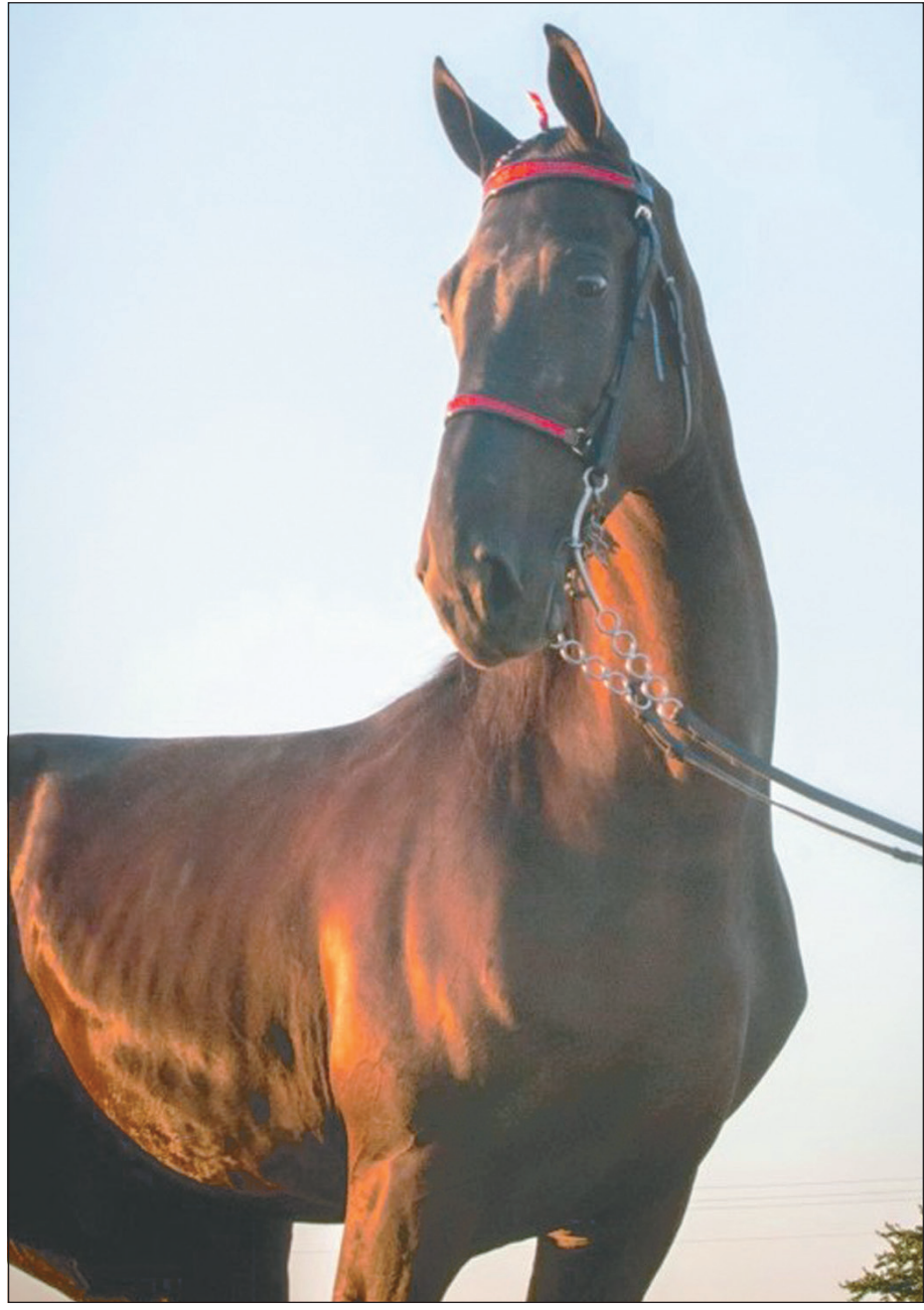


Photo by Brianne Boyce

This big guy, "Big Juicy," is a dream come true purchase for Shelbyville's Regina Sauls, who attended the Celebration for many years before becoming an owner and a resident of the city. See today's TWHNC section for more about Regina and "Big Juicy."



Photo by Marty Barr/Marty Barr Studios

Sarah Thomas rode the flag horse during the recent Wartrace Horse Show at Jernigan Field. She will be showing horse, Resurgence, during the Celebration.

## Celebration opens Young dreams fulfilled

By DAWN HANKINS  
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Sarah Thomas says for her, as an owner and exhibitor of Tennessee Walking Horses, the Celebration creates excitement like no other event.

It's been her life. "I have attended every Celebration since I was born. Every year, I knew I had a goal: to be a rider, not just a spectator. That dream came true 5 years ago."

That excitement continues for Sarah

with the 84th Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, which is going on at the Celebration grounds through Saturday, Sept. 3. (See today's special TWHNC souvenir edition.)

Sarah says she loves the horses but seeing friends again, visiting at barns and watching the show is just as meaningful each year. "It truly is a magical event for me, and the thrill of each year never diminishes."

## OBITUARIES

### Robert Arthur Perou

August 19, 2022

Robert Arthur Perou, 84, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday, August 19, 2022.

Funeral services were Thursday, August 25, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Bobby McGee will officiate. Burial, with full military honors, followed in Cothran Cemetery in Rover.

He was born December 9, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late Thomas Henry and Ruth Emma Groat Perou. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany and France. He retired from the University of Texas Health Center. A self-made man, he enjoyed restoring old cars, running his upholstery business, and fixing anything that needed fixing. He held membership at First Christian Church in Texas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Perou, brothers, Fred Perou and Thomas Perou; and a sister, Ruth Kirkpatrick.

Survivors include his wife, Carman Lemmon Perou, of Shelbyville; a son, David Perou, and his wife Nancy, of Texas; step children, Kevin Youchum, and his wife Kelley, of Texas, and Chris Youchum, of Colorado; a sister, Patricia Tow, and her husband Joe, of St. Louis; sister-in-law, Evelyn Perou; grandchildren, Stephanie Flores, Robbin Flores, and her husband Woodard, Sean Flores, and Matthew Ryan Perou, and his wife Madeline; four great-grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

### Boyce Carl Smelcer

August 21, 2022

Boyce Carl Smelcer, 63, passed this life on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held 2-5 p.m. Saturday, August 27, at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home, Tullahoma.

Mr. Smelcer, a native of Shelbyville, was the son of the late Grant Alexander Smelcer Jr. and the late Martha Joy Holman Smelcer Mathias. He liked to stay busy and was always fixing things. He enjoyed being outdoors fishing or working in his yard.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Bobby Smelcer and sister, Kathryn Pilkington.

Mr. Smelcer is survived by brothers, Bryce Smelcer (Billie Jean) of Shelbyville and Grant Alexander Smelcer III (Doris) of Watertown, TN; sisters, Kristy Matheson of Tullahoma, Katrina Newman (Mike) of Shelbyville and Karen Harris (Bobby) of Shelbyville and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made in his honor to Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com).

### Kenneth Lee Terry

August 20, 2022

Kenneth Lee Terry, 65, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2022, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus.

Funeral services will be 12 noon Saturday, August 27, at Depot Street First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. at the church.

He was born December 12, 1956, in Fayetteville, to the late Jesse Lee Stewart and Cliffie R. Jones. He was employed with Stanley Tools up until they closed, and then drove a truck for PFG and Bedford County Highway Department, until failing health forced him to retire.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Forrest Rose.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Melody McMahon Terry; a son, Kameron Terry; daughters, Venus Clark and Nichelle Terry; sisters, Patti Rose and Shelli Jones; grandchildren, Jazmin Clark, Brandon Evans, Kelcie Evans, Sidney Porter, Sabrinah Terry, and Malaki Terry.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

### Elaine Blackwell Holcombe

August 24, 2022

Mrs. Elaine Blackwell Holcombe, age 86, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2022, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Aveanna Hospice, and the staff at Lou Lou's Private Care Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, August 28, at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. James Moran and Reverend Rebekah Tucker-Motley will officiate, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors 3-5 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The Order of the Eastern Star service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

She was born May 13, 1936, in Knoxville, Tennessee, to the late Jack and Mildred Newport Blackwell. She was a home maker and taught home economics. She held a 50-year membership in the Order of The Eastern Star, and First Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Blackwell and a niece, Leah Blackwell.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Edwin Ray Holcombe, of Shelbyville; daughters, Melissa H. Tucker and her husband Charles, of Williamsburg, Virginia, Carol H. Poteete, of Murfreesboro, Amy H. Dempsey, and her husband Wayne, of Cross Plains, Tennessee, and Elizabeth H. Sadler, of Nashville; special friend David Sadler, of Nashville; sister in law, Becky Blackwell; grandchildren, Hannah Tucker Holmes, and her husband Tim, Sarah Tucker Glass, and her husband Robert, Rebekah Tucker-Motley, and her husband Cameron, Austin Poteete, Justin Sadler, and his wife Kristie, Megan Sadler, Seth Sadler, and Brenton Dempsey; great grandchildren, Lee Motley, Isaac Motley, Charles Motley, Joey Holmes, Tucker Holmes, Nathanael Holmes, Leighann Holmes, Caroline Glass, and Evelyn Rose Sadler; a nephew, Chance Blackwell.

Elaine would be honored with memorials made to either, The Order of The Eastern Star, C/O/ Elizabeth Sadler, 905 Virginia Avenue, Unit B, Nashville, TN 37216 or Carol Poteete, 217 Hayden Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, or First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brittain Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



## David Crowell named TPUC commissioner

Nashville – David Crowell of Shelbyville has been appointed to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) by Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton. The appointment of Crowell to the Commission will bring the regulatory board's leadership to seven members.

Commissioner Crowell recently retired from Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage System after serving 37 years in various roles, including as accountant, office manager, assistant general manager, and as the utility's general manager--a position he held for 21 years.

Commissioner Crowell's earlier work experience also includes serving as sales tax auditor for the State of Tennessee and staff accountant with Winnett Associates CPA Firm.

"We wholeheartedly welcome Commissioner Crowell to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission," says Commission Chairman Herbert Hilliard. "His vast industry experience will undoubtedly be of benefit in the work that we do and for the consumers and providers that we serve."

## Committee

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This would "provide adequate safeguards for the taxpayers and the county," according to the resolution.

"Basically, this is an additional tool for the trustee's office to try to clean up because this has filled the courts for years and the courts are overburdened at this point," said Davis. For example, \$1 going to the court will cost that taxpayer \$194 plus 10% for the delinquent attorney, according to Davis.

## Wartrace

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mutual aid agreement.

Drake added that the Wartrace water department is also understaffed. So that presents its own issues for the department.

Highway 64 East resident Stephanie Hickerson said she was a "big fan" of the water department as they were out there in the worst weather repairing an old line. "We do have a retched situation, but I do thank you so much. I'm not worried about the increase, but I do understand in some situations it can be difficult," she said.

Wartrace water system is unique with its 100 miles of pipes and 1,300

## Cashion

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how to understand how other people feel.

"It goes by in a flash," Cashion reflected on her



T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard  
**Congratulating David Crowell during his recent retirement from Shelbyville Power, were, from left, Nell Green, Elizabeth Rodriguez-Bejar and Becky Young. More congratulations are in order as Crowell has been appointed to the Tennessee Public Utility (regulatory) Commission (TPUC) by Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton.**

Commissioner Crowell is an active member in his community, serving as chairman of the Shelbyville/Bedford County Industrial Development Board and chairman of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Board. He is a former board member of: Shelbyville/Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association,

Central Service Association and Bedford County Joint Economic Development Board.

"David Crowell's knowledge on all issues involving public utilities, as well as his extensive experience with Shelbyville Power, Water & Sewage makes him the ideal person to serve on the Tennessee Public Utility Commission," said Speaker Sexton. "I appreciate David's willingness to answer the call to serve, and I know he will be

an effective leader whose addition will greatly benefit the Commission and our state."

"Appointing David to the Commission will further bolster the critical work performed by this body, says Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh. "We believe he's well suited for the important work the Commission performs."

For information about the Tennessee Public Utility Commission visit [www.tn.gov/tpuc](http://www.tn.gov/tpuc)

property.

The committee voted to send this resolution over to the full Board of Commissioners.

## New school

Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett said they will have a final estimate on the cost of the new Cartwright Elementary School in January. If the cost is within budget, the groundbreaking should be in February. The project should take around 18 months to complete, she advised the committee.

Garrett said the school system added about

250 students this school year. "So, we really have to think about what we're doing going forward because we're very concerned if this doesn't come in budget, we're going to be in serious trouble."

The mayor said there could potentially be around 500 people coming into Bedford per year, which would be a strain on additional resources. "If they don't slow down, then we absolutely have to have those resources in education and in all the other public safety and emergency areas. We're up against it."

in the end. The 2020-2021 fiscal year ended with a loss of profit for the town, officials report. The rates could possibly be lowered, that is if an upcoming Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) study shows the town exceeded its profit.

There's no separate sewer department. Wartrace town limit customers pay \$25.95 for the sewer fee, plus the \$20.55 for the water fee for a total of \$46.50, which is \$3.76 less than the county residents pay. "So, it's not a huge difference," said Drake.

Other water districts that serve both county and city charge a higher rate for the county as there are more pipes to maintain, sometimes even

two-times the \$46.50, according to Drake. "So, we do understand where everyone is coming from [and] that you're upset about the rates," said Drake.

From the calls she has received, the mayor explains how most customer bills increased, beginning with recent July billing, between \$7 to \$10 a month.

Drake said within the bigger picture is that the Wartrace water department has a great many years of deferred maintenance. The town applied for a \$637,105 grant and should receive it next year.

"It should've been done in increments, but it wasn't," advised Drake. "So, we're having to deal with that today."

decades of service. Her eyes teared up as she said, "I've become really attached to this place."

Cashion has also stepped down from Bedford County school

board.

Secretary and long-time friend, Kara Adcock, said, "Nicole is wonderful. She really cares about the welfare of children. We are going to miss her."

Cashion's husband also recently retired from Nissan. They hope to travel in their camper.

See photos from Cashion's farewell reception on page 3 today.

## The pros and cons of early retirement

Retirement is a milestone that is often the byproduct of decades of hard work. Though a growing number of working professionals have no intention of ever retiring, the vast majority of adults look forward to the day when they can call it a career.

### Benefits of early retirement

For many people, early retirement is less about finding a beach to relax on and more about pivoting to a second career. In fact, a recent report from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicated that 74 percent of workers plan to get a new job after they retire. In such instances, early retirement is often about turning a long-time passion into a second career. That can help adults achieve a lifelong dream, making it one of the better reasons to retire early.

Another advantage to retiring early is the chance to spend more

quality time with family. One study from the American Psychological Association found that more than half of working professionals now check work emails after work hours, including on weekends. Forty-four percent even check their email while on vacation. Early retirement enables individuals to escape that round-the-clock career commitment, affording retirees a chance to spend more unfiltered quality time with the people they love most.

### Disadvantages to retiring early

Retiring early can seem like a dream, but it could turn into a nightmare for people whose finances aren't as robust as they need to be to support a lengthy retirement. One report from the Boston College Center for Retirement Research found that around 50 percent of working families face a significant decline in their

standard of living during retirement. Life expectancy has been on the rise in developed countries since 1900, so retiring too early carries some significant financial risk for people who have saved but not necessarily saved enough.

Retiring early also could make people more vulnerable to cognitive decline than they would be if they keep working. One study from researchers at Scotland's University of St. Andrews found that people who wait until age 67 to retire experience less cognitive decline than people who retire prior to turning 67.

Out-of-pocket medical costs are another significant disadvantage to retiring early. Employer-sponsored medical insurance tends to cost individuals less than private plans, which is a significant consideration for individuals at a point in their lives when they may need to visit doctors more often.

# Reception held in honor of Cashion



**Youth Service Officer Jarrod Swain will be assuming Nicole Cashion's role as juvenile court director.**



**Nicole Cashion, center, celebrates at her retirement party with friends Julie Elliott, left, vice principal at Cascade Middle, and Michelle Murray, right, Bedford County Circuit Court Clerk.**

T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard



# Swain assumes juvenile court leadership

By **ZOE HAGGARD**  
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Youth services officer, Jarrod Swain, will be assuming the role of director of juvenile services. Nicole Cashion who has filled that role for over 30 years recently retired. A reception was held in her honor last week.

Swain has been a youth service officer since 1998 and said he wants to run the department no differently than how Cashion ran it.

"I am looking forward to the leadership role, but I also want to keep it running smooth like Nicole has done it for years," he said.

Swain has been involved in youth roles for several years, such as through sports and coaching. He says his biggest goal working with young adults in the juvenile courts is being someone they can talk to.

"Sometimes they don't have anyone, and we're all they have. The common thing they say is 'no one listens to me,'" he said.

The Cowan native hopes to continue promoting online programs as well as partner with different agencies and counseling programs.

"Nicole has been a wonderful boss and she has really helped make me who I am today," said Swain.



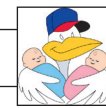
**A retirement reception was held at the General Sessions courtroom on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Cashion.**



**Cashion with Julie Elliott.**



**Cashion, center, talks with members of the Shelbyville Police Department.**



## HELLO WORLD

### TRUETT BRIGHT DAVIS

Danielle Jett Reid and William Bright Davis announce the Aug. 5 birth of a son, Truett Bright Davis. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz.

He has a sister, Morgan Jade Davis, age 3 1/2.

Grandparents are Jerry and Sandra Reid and Joel and Julie Childers. Great-grandparent is Anita Hastings.

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SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 2022, 9:00 AM - CALSONIC ARENA	
73	Youth Model Pleasure Walking Mares & Geldings
74E	Auxiliary Equitation Medal Class Youth Division, Riders 6-11 Years
75	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on English Trail Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
76	Owner-Amateur Weanlings
77	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on English Country Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
78	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on All Day Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack (Registration Required)
79	Youth Weanlings, Handlers 6-17 Years
80	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Trail Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
81	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-17 Years on Park Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
82	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Country Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
83E	Auxiliary Equitation, Youth Medal World Grand Championship® (Canter)
102	Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Stallions
103	Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice Western Trail Pleasure Walking Horses
104	Elite Owner-Amateur Gentlemen Riders on Walking Mares or Geldings
105A	Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings
105B	Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings
106	*Four-Year-Old Walking Stallions (Canter)
MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29, 2022, 9:00 AM - CALSONIC ARENA	
107	Owner-Amateur Riders on Western Trail Pleasure Walking Horses
108	*Weanling Colts
109	Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice Lite Shod Walking Horses, Optional Tack
110	Owner-Amateur Novice Youth Riders 6-17 Years on Novice Trail Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
111	*Weanling Fillies
112	Owner-Amateur Riders on Western Lite Shod Walking Horses
113	Owner-Amateur Riders on Four-Year-Old Country Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
114	Owner-Amateur Riders on Five-Year-Old Country Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
115	*Two & Three-Year-Old Country Pleasure Walking Horses, Opt Tk (includes Futurity nominated Two & Three-Year-Old Country Pleasure Mares, Geldings & Stallions)
116	Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice English Trail Pleasure Walking Horses
117	Owner-Amateur Riders on Park Pleasure Walking Horses, Five Years & Under, Optional Tack
118E	Equitation Riders 18 Years and Over (Canter)
MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29, 2022, 7:00 PM - CELEBRATION ARENA	
119	Owner-Amateur Gentlemen Drivers, Fine Harness
120	Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Ponies, Mares or Geldings
121	*Walking Mares, Five Years & Over (Canter)
122	Owner-Amateur Riders on Five-Year-Old Walking Stallions
123A	*Two-Year-Old Walking Stallions (includes Futurity nominated Two-Year-Old Performance Stallions)
123B	*Two-Year-Old Walking Stallions (includes Futurity nominated Two-Year-Old Performance Stallions)
123C	*Two-Year-Old Walking Stallions (includes Futurity nominated Two-Year-Old Performance Stallions)
124	Owner-Amateur Riders on Five-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings
125	Owner-Amateur Riders on Western Country Pleasure Walking Horses
126	*Walking Stallions, 15.2 and Under
127	Elite Owner-Amateur Lady Riders on Walking Stallions
128	Owner-Amateur Gentlemen Riders on Show Pleasure Walking Horses
129	Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Mares or Geldings
130	*Experienced Trainers 36 Years & Older on Walking Horses
131A	Owner-Amateur Riders on Three-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings
131B	Owner-Amateur Riders on Three-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings
SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27, 2022, 7:00 PM - CELEBRATION ARENA	
84	***Lead Line Ponies (54" & Under), Riders 6 Years and Under, World Grand Championship®
85	Owner-Amateur Lady Riders on Walking Geldings
86A	*Three-Year-Old Walking Mares (includes Futurity nominated Three-Year-Old Performance Mares)
86B	*Three-Year-Old Walking Mares (includes Futurity nominated Three-Year-Old Performance Mares)
87	Owner-Amateur Novice Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
88	Owner-Amateur Novice Gentlemen Riders on Novice Walking Stallions
89	Owner-Amateur Riders on Show Pleasure Walking Horses, Five Years & Under
90	*Walking Yearling World Grand Championship®
91	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-14 Years on Walking Ponies
92	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Show Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
93	Owner-Amateur Novice Gentlemen Riders on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
94	*Walking Stallions, Five Years & Over (Canter)
SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, 2022, 7:00 PM - CELEBRATION ARENA	
95	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-14 Years on Walking Mares or Geldings
96	Owner-Amateur Riders on Park Performance Walking Stallions
97	Owner-Amateur Novice Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
98	Elite Owner-Amateur Lady Riders on Walking Mares or Geldings
99	*Young Trainers 35 Years and Under on Walking Mares or Geldings
100	Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice Show Pleasure Walking Horses
101	Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 15-17 Years on Walking Ponies



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# Comments on hints from a reader

**Dear Heloise:**  
The suggestion about the wire brush was a good one. I use metal scrubbers on my pots, which also shed, so I wipe the pots with a dish cloth after cleaning, just in case.

## Hints from Heloise



Not bagging fruits and vegetables does not take into account that the person handling them at the register also handles money, meat and chemicals that have been placed on the conveyor belt, and the bags keep the items together making for easier handling. I save my cleaned bags and reuse them.  
ID tags should only have your phone number on them, never an address, which can open you up to theft. Always look forward to reading your hints in some of the magazines and newspapers I have access to. -- Ann, Rolla, Missouri

## CLOTHING WORN ONCE

**Dear Heloise:**  
Regarding closet clothes that have been worn once, and want to be worn again, before laundering, I just face the hanger the opposite way that the clean clothes hangers are facing. Works for me. -- J.S., Glendora, via email

## DEODORANT STAIN REMOVAL

**Dear Readers:** To remove most fresh stains left by deodorants and antiperspirants, rub clothes with undiluted white vinegar, and then launder as usual, using the hottest water safe for fabric.

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](http://www.Heloise.com), or by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (84 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To help make most rice fluffy, add 1 teaspoon of vinegar to the cooking water. -- Heloise

## FINDING BLACK CASES IN A BLACK-LINED PURSE

**Dear Heloise:** I finally got so tired of not finding black stuff in my black-lined purse, computer bag or carry-on

bags (even the black car console) that out of desperation, I started marking the black cases with colored electrical tape. I would suggest bright orange or bright yellow. -- Barbara Colman, via email

## PET PAL

**Dear Heloise:** My dog's name is Miss Molly (she's on the right in the photo), and these are her two girlfriends, Molly and Roxie. She is a six-year-old Maltipoo, who lives with her mama. She hopes you like their party kerchiefs and feature us in Pet Pals! They would like that very much. -- Eileen Shiman, via email

Readers, to see Miss Molly and our other Pet Pals, go to [Heloise.com](http://Heloise.com) and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com). -- Heloise

## PET TOYS

**Dear Heloise:** It seems that when I buy a cat toy, my cat tears it up in a few days. What can I use as a cat toy that's cheap and hard for the cat to ruin? -- Lindsey T., Morgantown, West Virginia

Lindsey, put a small bell and a few pebbles in an empty pill bottle and let them roll it around. Or, try a crumpled ball of paper. Let them chase it when you throw it. You can also roll and tuck an old sock into a ball.

## DENTURE TABLET

**Dear Heloise:** I recently discovered that by dropping a denture tablet into my commode bowl, I could remove stains in my commode. I do it every night, and my commode is sparkling white! -- Catalina R., Laredo, Texas

Catalina, this also works well if you fill the kitchen or bathroom sink with water and put a denture-cleaning tablet in the water. Let it sit for about 15 to 18 minutes, then let the water out, and the sink should be clean. -- Heloise

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## SATURDAY

### Brannon reunion

The Brannon family reunion will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the William Ralph Brannon pavilion on Arnold Road. Relatives are expected to attend from California, so all family are encouraged to come out and celebrate with them. Attendees are asked to bring enough potluck food for their families. Lunch begins at noon.

### Clear the Shelter

Bedford County Animal Control, Lane Parkway, will be hosting a "Clear the Shelter" event on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All adoption fees will be waived for the day.

### Fish fry events

• Bright Temple Church of God in Christ, Elm Street, is holding a fish fry beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

• The Youth and Young Adult Ministry of Sevier Street First Baptist Church will have a Fish Fry on Saturday, Aug. 27, starting at 11 a.m. Plates or sandwiches will be available. Call 931-735-6568 to place an order.

## TUESDAY

### City study session

Shelbyville City Council will hold a study session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Shelbyville Recreation Center's meeting room.

## WEDNESDAY

### Swearing-in ceremony

A swearing-in ceremony for all county officials, including newly-elected commissioners, will be 3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31 in Bedford County Historic Courthouse's second floor chambers with Judge Wyatt Burk presiding.

## SEPT. 3

### Wheel School reunion

A Wheel School reunion is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 3 at Shiloh Outreach Church on Highway 64 in Wheel. The gathering begins at 11 a.m. with a potluck lunch at 12 noon. Attendees are asked to bring a dish.

## SEPT. 4

### Adcock reunion

All descendants of Thomas Jefferson Adcock are invited to attend a covered dish reunion at

noon Sunday, Sept. 4, at H.V. Griffin Park.

## SEPT. 7

### Retired Teachers meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Urban Plantation. Sylvia Pinson will describe the Uncle Nearest tour.

## SEPT. 8

### City Council meeting

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

## SEPT. 9

### Normandy Music Night

Normandy's final Music Night of the summer will be Friday, September 9, at 6 p.m. on Front Street. Attendees should bring a chair.

## SEPT. 12

### Bell Buckle board

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. before the meeting to discuss Ordinance 22-03, Outdoor Lighting, and Ordinance 22-04, Amendments to the Sidewalk Ordinance.

## SEPT. 13

### Commission meeting

Bedford County Commission's monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

## 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](http://act.alz.org/tullahomalynchburg).

### Chalk art event

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation is hosting a Parking Lot Picasso Chalk Event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 2022						
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Saturday, Sept. 17 in Shelbyville Recreation Center's parking lot. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register online at [shelbyvilletnparks.org/CourseActivities](http://shelbyvilletnparks.org/CourseActivities).

## SEPT. 20

### Commission committees

Bedford County Commission's Rules & Legislative, Law Enforcement and Courthouse & Property committees will meet Tuesday, Sept. 20 beginning at 5 p.m. at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

## SEPT. 23

### Cruise-In

Celebration City Car Club's Cruise-In will be Friday, Sept. 23, 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. 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](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.

## SEPT. 27

### County finances

Bedford County Commission's Financial Management Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Room 110 at Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover St.

## OCT. 1

### Grammer-Darnell reunion

A reunion of descendants of John Grammer and William L. Darnell is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the gym at Cedar Lane Church of Christ, 1200 Cedar Lane, Tullahoma. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and non-alcoholic drinks. To RSVP, call 931-581-0241 by Sept. 23.

## 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.

# Humid, stormy weather for next week



**Steve Norris**  
Weather

The weekend is looking sunny, hot and humid with a 30% chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High tem-

peratures will be in the low 90s.

The chance of rain will be on the increase for most of next week with scattered storms around every afternoon. A little cooler weather comes by Sept. 7 with afternoon temperatures not much above 80 degrees.

The Farmers Almanac had a great article about how occasionally you will see a halo around the

moon at night. Did you ever wonder if it means anything on what kind of weather is coming?

I learned about this when I first started studying meteorology, and we do get rain about 70% of the time.

A lunar halo is caused by the refraction and reflection of light through ice particles suspended within wispy, high altitude cirrus or cirrostratus

clouds. It's often the precursor of impending unsettled weather, especially during the winter months.

Cirrus and cirrostratus clouds generally precede rain and storm systems.

So watch the night sky — and keep the umbrella handy!

• Steve Norris is a trained meteorologist.

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# Celebrating marriage



Brooke Adams Stewart straightens the tie on her sweet ring bearer during her wedding on Nov. 7, 2020, at Grace Valley Farm in Shelbyville. Her mom, Crystal Adams, shares some wedding advice with readers—perhaps those about ready to ‘tie the knot.’



# Fall—a lovely time for a wedding

## Motherly advice: remain calm

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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Planning a wedding is hard. There’s a lot the bride and groom, and their families, have to think about and plan.

Two years ago, Brooke Stewart and her mom, Crystal Adams, experienced that special time in their lives. Mom knows how it can be a trying time for families.

A veteran now of the wedding party, Crystal shares some advice to other mothers and daughters about to begin planning for that special day.

“As the mother of the bride, my advice is to: try to remain calm in the stressful moments and always offer your shoulder to lean on for your daughter, reassuring her that in the end it will all be worth it.”

She adds, “Also, soak it all in—the happy moments to the not so happy moments. Getting married is something that most people only do once! Look back at all the pictures and remind yourself that it was all worth it when your daughter walks down the aisle to marry her groom.”



# Throw a Spectacular Wedding

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news and events to [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com).

#### Baptist

**Calvary Baptist Church.** The service will be livestreamed.

Dr. Roc Collins will be guest speaker at Eastview Baptist Church’s “Throw Out The Lifeline Sunday” at 10:30 a.m.

#### Edgemont Baptist Church’s

sermon will be “Preparing for Battle” from Ephesians 6:10-18. Services are livestreamed.

The message at **Grace Baptist Church** will be “Ephesus, The Church That Left Their First Love” from Revelation 2:1-7.

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry of **Sevier Street First Baptist Church** will have a fish

fry on Saturday, Aug. 27 starting at 11 a.m. Plates or sandwiches will be available. Call 931-735-6568 to place an order.

#### Christian (Disciples of Christ)

**First Christian Church** continues its series on “The Story,” centering Sunday around God’s messengers and in particular Elijah, the prophet of miracles.

#### Church of Christ

**Bell Buckle Church of Christ’s** Sunday morning class at 9 a.m. will be “Many Called, Few Chosen” (Isaiah 65); the 10 a.m. sermon, “The Silence Of The Lamb” (Mark 15); and 5 p.m. sermon, “Looking For A Heart Of

Gold” (Matthew 5).

**Fairlane Church of Christ** continues “The Story of Ruth” series. Services are livestreamed and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM) at 9 a.m.

**Southside Church of Christ’s** series on “The Superior Teachings of Jesus” will continue Sunday morning with the sermon “The Claims of Jesus and the Dilemma” from John 7:16-18. The Summer Series continues Wednesday night with Nick Pruitt speaking “A Fellowship Impossible Without God.” Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at [cofcsouthside.com](http://cofcsouthside.com).

#### Church of God

**Whitaker Church of**

**God,** 1200 Bethlehem Church Road, will celebrate homecoming with former pastor Randy Tinker at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish.

#### Church of God in Christ

**Bright Temple Church of God in Christ,** Elm Street, is holding a fish fry beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

#### Presbyterian

**First Presbyterian Church** is holding a “Muffins & Mingle” event at 9 a.m. Sunday before the service. This week the sermon will focus on Luke 14:1-14. Services are livestreamed on Facebook.

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We are having a Pot Luck dinner immediately following the service and the Baptismal pool will be filled for any who want to follow the Lord in Believers Baptism. Don't miss this special chance to throw out the lifeline to those you love! Call 615-692-4146 for more information!

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Some of Jon's posters and signs date back a while but are still very popular with visitors.



Photos by Mark McGee

Jon English has been a collector all his life. He loves to share stories associated with his sports collections.

# Jon English: the collector

## Shelbyville is his second home

By **MARK MCGEE**  
 Special to the T-G

Collecting is in Jon English's blood and he still makes buying trips around the country and also purchases items brought to his tables at card and memorabilia shows.

"In 1985 I was 25 and still trying to play pro football and halfway working," English said. "I was at an auction and some guy brought some cards. At the time I was collecting guns."

"This guy was smart and well off. I wondered what he knew that I didn't know. I started investigating and at 26 I put an ad in the paper offering to buy cards."

He quickly hit paydirt. The first person to answer his ad offered him drawers of old baseball cards.

"I bought those for \$1,000 which was a lot of money back then," English said. "He threw in all of his hockey, football and basket-

ball cards for free."

He sold cards to dealers and then one day he decided he wanted to be a dealer as well.

"I was doing it mostly for fun," English said. "I put together a 1955 Topps baseball set, my first. It was all fun and it is still fun."

### Basking in the glow

He has chairs in a circle in one side of the building where he can usually be found on weekends going through cards and talking to customers and visitors.

"It is cool to sit around and look at this stuff," English said. "I was lucky to get these buildings. When I found out it was the old Sports Shop, I really liked that. These are the original cases used in the store. We just put glass fronts on them."

"I couldn't do this if I had to pay rent. This stuff is really cool when you find it. It displays cool. This is

more of my passion because it is one-of-a-kind stuff. When sports people come in here, they are blown away. When the word gets out it brings more tourists to Shelbyville."

English still spends a lot of time going through sports cards. He has spent countless hours counting and sorting cards through the years.

"If someone brings you 5,000 cards you have to go through them because you don't know what the next card might be," English said. "I am a hunter when it comes to sports stuff. . . . love digging the nooks and crannies."

### Football sets the stage

English was a top high school quarterback at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, Mich. in the 1970s, winning numerous awards including being named to Parade



Saturdays are a great day to catch Jon English in the store and chat.

Magazine's All-American team. He was voted as the top high school athlete in Michigan. He also played baseball and basketball and was a high jumper.

He played for several college teams starting with Michigan State. He also played for Allegheny Junior College, Iowa State, Delgado Junior College and Tulane University where his father, Wally English, coached him.

"I loved all sports growing up," English said. "I got up every day thinking about athletics. I am that way today. Every day is a new game. I am always hustling."

"Football paid for my college. I didn't apply myself in college. I had an injury and some bad breaks."

He came to Nashville at the age of 29 in 1989. He decided it was time to get a "real job" after his dream of pro football ended.

### Preserving history

Like his father, Jon was attracted to the construction business. He and his four brothers would spend their summer vacations helping frame houses for their father. In 2003 he and Tony Williams co-founded Commercial Industrial Construction, Inc., in Nashville with 30 full-time employees. Prior to that he spent several years working on a variety of construction



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankin

Stop by during the Celebration to visit Jon English Antique Sports & Cards memorabilia store on the historic public square.

projects. In addition to renovating the two buildings housing his sports card and antique business he has also been refurbishing the building which housed the law office of Clarence "Pete" Phillips on East Depot. He owns four storefronts in Shelbyville.

He owns the building which housed Tip Thompson's Menswear. He rents it to Leanne's Flowers.

English has been questioned on why he chose Shelbyville for his business and his construction projects. "There is no rhyme or reason to it," English said. "As I came across all of this (sports) stuff I also paid attention to real estate. I had the opportunity to buy Tip Thompson's old store. It was owned by a guy in Nashville who passed away."

"I didn't know where Shelbyville was. I knew it was the walking horse

capital. I drove down and looked at it. It was exactly what I was looking for."

English, who lives in Brentwood, has found a second home in Shelbyville. He has hired local people to oversee items like plumbing, heat, and air.

"I have been very fortunate with the people I have met here," English said. "The people here are solid. Shelbyville is not super small, but I call it Small Town USA. It has been a very good experience coming to Shelbyville. I have been able to buy buildings at a reasonable price."

He added, "It has been 5 or 6 years ago since I started my adventure here. I have been very fortunate to buy rundown buildings that needed fixing up. It makes me feel good and makes me proud to bring a building back to something that is useful again. It has been a fortunate journey."

## ABSOLUTE AUCTION

**Saturday, September 10th • 9:00 a.m.**  
 504 Dow Drive, Shelbyville, TN

**Antiques, Guns, Furniture and Personal Property**  
 of April Wardle and Carl Wardle

The Wardles have sold their home at 504 Dow Drive, Shelbyville and have purchased a home in Puerto Rico. **"EVERYTHING MUST SELL"**

**Directions:** From Shelbyville take 41 A (Unionville Hwy) turn right onto Greenhills Drive at lake, go to Dow Drive and turn left. Auction is 3rd house on left. Auction Signs Posted.  
**\*\*The House has been Sold\*\* All Personal Property must be Sold at Public Auction September 10th**



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2 Night Stands



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operating Sifter



Oak Curved Glass China Cabinet  
Collection 23 Marilyn Monroe Plates  
(all numbered) by Susie Morton



Colt Delta Elite Auto 10 MM  
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Nice Sectional Sofa



2 Pc Matching Leather Sofa and  
Love Seat ( Rocks & Reclines)

**Partial List**

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# Bicyclist struck, killed on highway

**By DAVID MELSON**  
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A former Shelbyville resident was killed in a traffic accident Sunday night in Moore County.

Boyce Smelcer, 63, was on a bicycle in the eastbound traffic lane of Highway 41A, the Tennessee Highway Patrol told the Lynchburg Times.

Smelcer was stationary and facing oncoming traffic, the THP said. The bicycle was struck by an SUV driven by Rita Colbert, 64, of Tullahoma, who was uninjured.

## Drug charge

Marijuana was found in the possession of a driver who allegedly had driven past a stopped school bus with lights flashing on Madison Street.

Police responding to a complaint of a reckless driver Monday afternoon found the described vehicle and suspect Jullian Dior Haile, 32, of Sun Circle, at a Ligon Drive residence.

Officers Tracy Teal and Brandi Merlo smelled marijuana and asked if any was in the vehicle; Haile allegedly replied there was none.

Teal saw a bag containing "a green leafy substance that appeared to be marijuana" on the front seat and arrested Haile for simple possession. Officers confiscated more than \$1,100 from Haile's wallet.

Haile was released on \$10,000 bond.

## Thefts

An electric saw, two diamond earring studs and speaker wiring were taken during the day Wednesday from a home in the 1700 block of Fairfield Pike, according to a Shelbyville Police Department report.

Other thefts reported to area authorities:

- A cell phone was stolen from a self checkout area at Walmart around 10 p.m. Monday, police were told.
- A wallet containing \$350 and credit cards, along with a pair of shoes, were allegedly stolen by a passenger in an SUV on Tuesday. A debit card from the wallet was later used at a Shelbyville store.
- Nothing was immediately noticed missing after an entrance door to a storage building in the 500 block of Railroad Avenue was destroyed Tuesday.
- Damage, including a broken window, was estimated at \$1,500, the owner said. The building was ransacked after entry.

**Jail intake**

- Erica Brook Bly, 36, King Arthur Court; show cause; released, no bond
- Kristin Nichol Boyce, 29, Hickory Hill Road; show cause, violation of probation, child support; released, \$2,000 bond
- Adam W. Cataldo, 49, High Street, Bell Buckle; violation of order of protection; released, \$10,000 bond
- Timothy J. Clark, 57, Chapel Hill; theft of property over \$2,500; held, \$3,500 bond
- Tara E. Fricks, 45, King Arthur Court; hold for extradition from another state; released, no bond
- Jorge Gonzales, 33, Madison Street; DUI; held, \$1,500 bond
- Jullian Dior Haile, 32, Sun Circle; simple possession of schedule 2 drug; released, \$10,000 bond
- Quinton Deon Hiles, 34, East Depot Street; felony vandalism; held, \$5,000 bond
- Jeremy Michael Hill, 24, T.E. Adams Road; DUI, driving on a suspended license; held, \$3,000 bond
- Dustin Lee Hopper, 30,

# Overconfidence, Part 3: Putin Miscalculates



**By ADAM JOHNSON**

In my last two Pecunia columns, I wrote about overconfidence as it applies to investing. In the first of the Overconfidence series, I called out current Treasury Secretary and former Fed Chairman Janet Yellen for some daft comments on the "transitory inflation," which has proven to be persistent and has forced Janet Yellen, PhD to temper and then renounce her initial comments on what she ostensibly believed to be an innocuous elevated reading or two of the CPI. And while I concede making my share of mistakes, it can be somewhat satisfying to witness public figures speaking with the overconfidence of moral authority while proclaiming a misguided truth. In the second of the Overconfidence series, I warned against the folly of false precision and being taken in by impressive-looking gobbledegook.

Now, in this third and final installment of Overconfidence, I conclude the theme by raising the

stakes a notch to geo-strategy and warfighting. Vladimir Putin had had a long run of successful strategic calculating, exploiting opportunities as they arose (or creating opportunities if need be) to keep his popularity high and to maintain a veneer of legitimacy on his rule, and he has successfully employed Machiavellian tactics to face off challenges to his power. But with his most recent Ukraine invasion, the tsar has miscalculated, and time will tell the outcome, both for Putin and for Europe and so-called Western liberalism.

A recent issue of The Economist puts the developments in Ukraine and Europe most completely and succinctly:

[The war in Ukraine] has sent Finland and Sweden bolting for cover of NATO membership. It has deepened Ukrainian nationalism, strengthened the democratic alternative Ukraine offers to Mr. Putin's own tyranny, and led customers for Russia's energy to look elsewhere. It has also prodded a sleepy giant, Germany, rousing a country that has been both Russia's best partner and its worst enemy. Mr. Putin's war-mongering may prove to be the catalyst that turns Germany into his own nightmare: a stronger, bolder, more determined leader of a more united Europe.

History is the tale of overconfident lead-

ers who overplayed their hands, from the most glaring ("Today Europe; tomorrow the world!") on down. To name just three examples in my lifetime (1980 - ), we can briefly visit Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, Nicolae Ceausescu's firing on demonstrators, and Paul Kagame's ongoing meddling in Africa's Rift Valley.

When I was 4 days old and oblivious to the world, Saddam Hussein led the invasion of Iraq, setting off an 8-year war that ended in 1,000,000+ casualties, about half of which were fatalities. While the Iran-Iraq War ended without conclusive victory for either side - Israel's Menachem Begin memorably quipped, "I wish both sides great success" - Hussein perhaps understandably believed that, as the archenemy of America's enemy (Iran), he had nothing to worry about from America when, 10 years after invading Iran, he invaded Kuwait. Hussein miscalculated.

On Christmas Day in 1989, I was 9 years old and probably had just unwrapped some trinkets from under the Christmas tree. That also was the day that, in the waning light of the Cold War, Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena were summarily executed after a show trial at a military base, having ordered the military to fire on anti-regime protesters just eight

days prior. In power for more than two decades, the Communist leader believed he had nothing to worry about from a military that had opened fire on protesters at his command. Ceausescu miscalculated.

A veteran of the Ugandan Bush War, the Rwandan Civil War and Genocide, and the First and Second Congo Wars, Paul Kagame probably is the most successful living general in the world. I make no attempt to delineate the events of the wars that have been waged in Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and Congo, but Kagame generally is credited with ending the most extensive genocide (1994) in my lifetime, claiming possibly 1,000,000 lives over an almost incomprehensible 100 days. Because of his international notoriety stemming from ending the Rwandan Genocide and maintaining order in the country he governs in a precarious neighborhood, the enigmatic Kagame has been able to avoid international condemnation for actions that might otherwise draw retribution. But dark clouds are gathering again in the Rift Valley. Taking power within just a few months of Putin - I was a sophomore at the University of Tennessee - the most successful living general / President of Rwanda has been in power for more than two decades. Will Kagame miscalculate?

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Vivian Marlene Ostafy to Vivian Marlene Ostafy Revocable Living Trust, Ostafy Revocable Trust—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Howard E. Ridner to Grady L. Cunningham, James D. Riddle—\$50,000, 5.886 acres, no address

Global Homes Inc. to McKeesport Development LLC—0 money, 0 acres, no address

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Jeffrey F. Hicks, David G. Bradford to John Reese, Stephanie Anne Reese—\$299,900, 2.74 acres, Leverette Rd.

Global Homes Inc. to McKeesport Development LLC—0 money, 0 acres, no address

McKeesport Development LLC to SDH Nashville LLC—\$1,098,500, 0 acres, no address

Andrew Kyle Mullins to Tiffany Lea Mullins, Tiffany Lee Gibbs Mullins—0 money, 1.21 acres, Anderson Rd.

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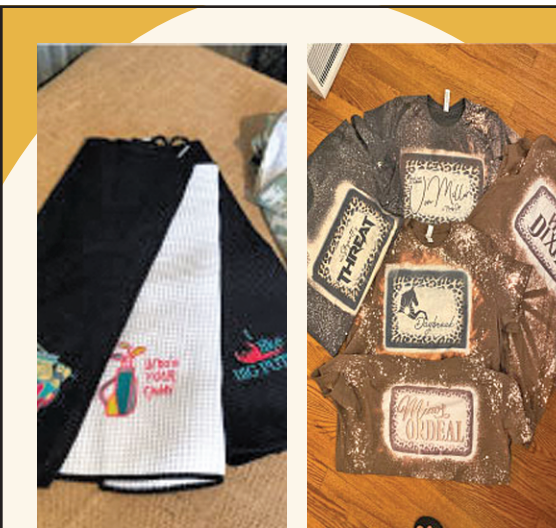
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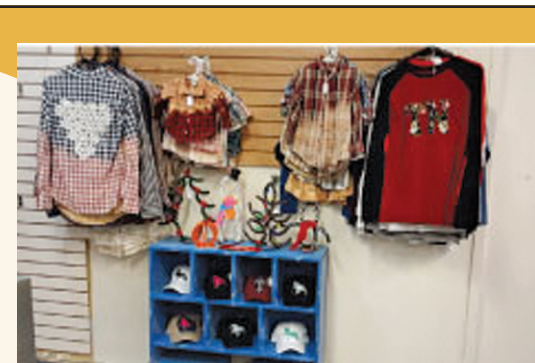
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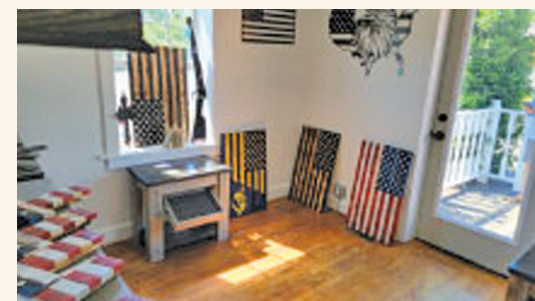
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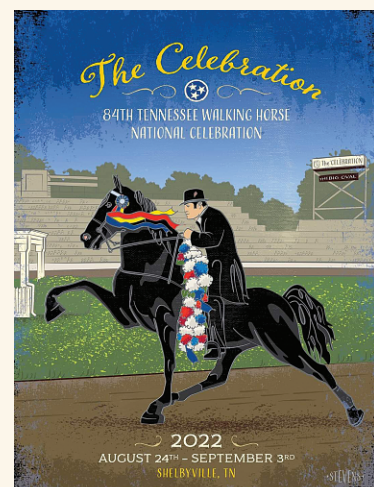
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**Mark McGee**  
My Take  
**National Enquirer**

Most of us while waiting and waiting in the checkout line at the grocery store, drug store or large discount store have taken a look at the headlines on the front of the National Enquirer and other assorted tabloids.

I used to laugh at those headlines because they were so outrageous. Who would believe what they are writing? Well, there isn't much to laugh about any more. With the world in the state it is in today we are living in a tabloid world. What were once bizarre headlines are now commonplace in most media outlets.

In the past weeks in the established media the stories range from a two-headed kitten being born to Artificial Intelligence is creating images that humans will find to be terrifying.

Mass killings have been on the increase making people think twice about going...anywhere. Brawls are breaking out at public events such as football games. Stores are being robbed and their employees are being attacked. Serving cold French fries justifies killing the server. A woman is in love with a fence and wants to marry it. Passengers are being removed from airplanes at a higher rate than ever before for outrageous behavior.

And these are just the things I can write about in a family newspaper. As comedian Steven Wright one asked during one of his routines, "Is it weird in here, or is it just me?"

Well, Steven, it is weird in here and out there. I sometimes teach a class on media and culture on the college level. One thing we study is how violence has escalated through the years in film as directors try to out gross each other.

I fear the same thing is happening with weirdness. Just where is all this strangeness going to stop? On May 30th of this year Olga Khazan wrote an analysis of the phenomenon in The Atlantic magazine and website entitled "Why People Are Acting So Weird." She referenced a study by Christine Porath, a business professor at Georgetown University who has determined "the No.1 reason by far people are acting in an outrageous manner is overwhelmed".

Who in this day and time doesn't feel stressed and overwhelmed when it appears there is a new illness always ready to rear its ugly head or when we have to pay so much more for everything from gas to food. During the pandemic many people forgot what it was like to interact with others and are having trouble making the adjustment to being back out in the world.

In all this mayhem I feel sorry for all of those tabloid editors. How do you produce stories that are stranger than real life? Reality has become too real.



Ashley Cook wears a lot of hats; she's a beekeeper, bee swarm harvester, mom of very active teens, dedicated wife and goat farmer.

**Farming comes natural for Ashley Cook**  
**It's a 'sweet' life**

You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Psalm 16:11 of the Bible

Farming in the same area and living in her childhood home, Ashley Cook of Wartrace naturally wants to pass on the same hard work ethic she acquired as a girl.

Even in these days of economic uncertainty, Cook Family Farm, located at 310 Potts Road in Wartrace, cooperates a local agriculture cooperative. In an effort to remain diverse, the farm generally consists of bee hives as well as goat herds, cows and other animals—some often a part of her kids' latest FFA or 4-H projects.

"It's still very satisfying," says this busy Bedford County farmer, wife and mom.

**The Cook family**

Husband, David, affectionately known in Wartrace as "Butter Bean," has worked for many years at Cooper Steel. So Ashley's pretty much on her own when it comes to working the bees.

Ashley's children, when they're not busy with school or band, help on the Cook Family Farm. The barn office is full of awards and ribbons they've received throughout the years through FFA and 4-H.

Kimber is a Cascade senior, with plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Martin in the fall. She currently aspires to major in animal science and health.

Kimber was busy in the Central Region Beef Show this summer, where she placed first in the senior level 2 skill-a-thon. She and her cows, known affectionately as Ophie and Amelia, were headed to the state show.

Son, Robert, age 13, works in the chicken

barns with her dad, Bobby Potts. She says it seems that Robert is starting to also latch onto farm life, which makes her smile.

But she won't push her children into farming, she says, or into being the next generation to maintain the Cook Family Farm. That will be their choice, but by all indications, they may be headed toward that path, she says.

While she understands farming is not a lifestyle chosen by everyone, Ashley says the country still needs farmers. Her family is a good example that the fruits of farm labor can be sweet.

**Creating a legacy**

While the family doesn't consume their own goat meat, they find there's still a great market for their herds. So they spend a lot of time nurturing, and protecting, their animals to their fullest potential.

In this eastern portion of Bedford County, there are several predators, such as coyotes. Protecting the herds and maintaining their physical needs is a constant, Ashley reveals. The family also raises Anatolian Shepherds-some which are mixed with Great Pyrenees.

The puppies will either become someone's pet or perhaps Ashley's next generation of herd protectors. The dogs are quite attentive, especially to strangers.

While her neighbors/family, the Potts, have made a name in Bedford County for meat processing, the Cook family prides itself on other aspects of agriculture, like honey production.

Still, a honey harvest can even be unpredictable at best. Many things, like cooler weather, can hinder production.

Ashley currently has



Also keeping the Cook family of Wartrace busy, especially Mom Ashley, is their goat herd. The family uses goat milk in their soap products. (Story coming later this fall in T-G.)



Cook Family Farm honey is still available. See their Facebook page.



This Pyrenees is always with the family and on high alert at any sight of trouble. (Story coming later this fall in T-G.)



**Doug Dezotell**  
Musings and Memories  
**There's always hope**

I met Anthony in the Desire Housing Projects in New Orleans shortly after his 17th birthday.

In so many ways, Anthony seemed so much younger than those 17 years, and in other ways he seemed old for his age too.

He had never been outside of the city of New Orleans before I met him.

He had gotten involved in drug abuse when he was in elementary school, and started selling drugs shortly after that.

The Desire Projects were considered to be one of the worst and most dangerous housing complexes in the whole country at that time.

Anthony had a little son that was almost two years old at that time. The baby's mother was one of Anthony's girlfriends, and he didn't see his son very often. But, he liked to brag about his boy.

I came to New Orleans that week to pick up Anthony and take him home with me to Memphis.

I was the executive director of Teen Challenge of Memphis at that time, which is a Christian organization with the purpose of introducing drug and alcohol addicts to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We provided these men, not only with a place to live, but also a training program to help them overcome their addictions and learn to live a new life in Christ.

My friend, Greg, was the director of the Teen Challenge Center in New Orleans, and he had known Anthony and his mother for years.

Greg called me one day to tell me about this young man that needed to get out of New Orleans and start a new life.

Anthony had been in and out of trouble for most of his young life. He was not only a drug abuser and dealer, but he had been involved in the gang life for years.

His life had been through many occasions and he wasn't safe on those streets.

His mother came to see Greg one day, and begged him to help her son. She was afraid he would die on the streets of their city.

Greg called me to see if I would help his young friend.

I made the trip south with one of my staff members to meet this young man that so desperately needed a fresh start.

Our ministry in Memphis was a year-long residential program, and

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**Danny Tyree**  
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# Princess Di: has it really been 25 years?

Believe it or not, August 31 is the 25th anniversary of the traffic accident that robbed the world of the effervescent Diana, Princess of Wales.

Diana was a distant, distant cousin (my great-great grandfather Tyree married Mary Ann Spencer a century before I was born); but even without that connection, I feel compelled to dedicate this week's column to drawing a few lessons from her too-brief life.

The philosophy "Seemed like a good idea at the time" sums up so much of her public career.

In retrospect, marrying a much-older heir to the throne (whose personality was incompatible with hers and who carried a torch for his present wife) doesn't sound like the classic recipe for "lived happily ever after"; but it seemed like a good idea at the time to Diana and the millions who watched the wedding on TV.

Agreeing to keep up with all the arbitrary royal etiquette and obligations apparently seemed like a good idea at the time, since Netflix's "The Crown" wasn't around in 1981 to air dirty laundry.

The extramarital affairs that brought Diana and Prince Charles to the point of separation and divorce probably seemed like a good idea at the time, but the scandal had a lasting impact on the family and the world.

The paparazzi who giddily chased Diana's vehicle through Paris's Pont de l'Alma tunnel obviously thought it seemed like a good idea to wallow in wretched excess and snap just one more batch of photographs of one of the most photographed women in the world.

The driver of Diana's car thought it was a good idea (a fun challenge?) to outrun the paparazzi, but the crash soon cost the lives of Diana, her boyfriend and the driver.

Royalty and commoners alike could learn from the way Diana's life and death played out.

"You only live once" is the sparkly mantra of many, but there is still a place for doing cost-benefit analyses and counting to ten before making a decision. There remains virtue in adages such as "Measure twice, cut once," "Haste makes waste," "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" and the like.

Luckily, several good things did come out of the bad decisions surrounding Diana.

As part of the royal family, Diana had a bully pulpit for advancing her pet projects, including the welfare of AIDS patients and the International Red Cross campaign for the removal of landmines.

(My best friend from third grade passed away from AIDS complications as an adult, so the issue resonates with me.)

Diana's beloved sons are still with us. Although Harry seems to revel in being the outcast of the family, William gives all indications of being a solid monarch someday.

And of course, by dying at the tender age of 36, Diana remains forever young in the public imagination.

Queen Elizabeth II remains immensely popular at age 96, but who knows what a fickle press would have done with a 61-year-old Diana? As it is, her style, compassion and zest for life remain preserved in amber for future generations.

As you hum the "Goodbye, England's Rose" version of "Candle in the Wind" this month, spend a little time analyzing your own decision-making processes. You may not ensure a fairytale ending for you and your loved ones, but maybe you can avoid royally messing up.

• Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at [tyreetyrades@aol.com](mailto:tyreetyrades@aol.com) and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

# A 'honey' of a deal

## Old-fashioned 'bee-kissed' recipes

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

Honey has stood the test of time. From sourwood to clover, it has been used to create some of the most delicate dishes.

In his latest cookbook, "Cooking Southern: Recipes and their history," David Hazelwood of Normandy explains how food made with honey actually stays fresher and moist much longer.

Our ancestors here in Bedford County used it. Today, there are still local beekeepers enjoying the natural sweetener and providing it for the public. (See Cook Family Farm story in this edition.)

So here's a salute to our families who used it in everything! From soothing a sore throat to cakes for Sunday dinner, honey is a part of our local culture.

Enjoy these recipes that David and his cookbook partner, David G. Smith, has gathered from family recipe boxes and attics. The book, which takes a historical perspective into the Southern culture of food, can be purchased through Amazon.com.

This cookbook comes highly recommended. It's thick. It will take a while to get through it, but these recipes so graciously included by the "Davids" may even bring back some childhood memories in Bedford County kitchens.

### Baked Honey Custard

4 eggs  
 1/2 C. honey  
 2 1/2 C. milk  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1/2 tsp. almond extract

Beat eggs slightly with a fork. Add honey, milk, salt and almond extract. Strain. Pour into custard cups. Place into a pan and pour boiling water around the cups to a depth of 2 inches. Bake in a moderate oven at 350 degrees 40 to 50 minutes or until firm. Remove from water to cool. Chill. Unmold or serve in cups plain or with favorite sauce. Serves 6.

### Honey Coconut Ice Cream

1/2 C. flaked or shredded coconut  
 1 C. honey  
 1 envelope unflavored gelatin  
 2 Tbsp. cold water  
 1/4 C. brown sugar  
 2 eggs  
 3 C. light cream  
 1 tsp. coconut extract

Heat the honey, but do not boil. Soften gelatin in water. Add to honey along with sugar, eggs, cream and coconut extract. Beat about 2 minutes. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze until firm, but not hard. Turn mixture into a chilled bowl. Beat until fluffy. Pour back into refrigerator tray and freeze until firm. Toast the coconut. Sprinkle over each serving. Makes 6 servings.



HONEY FROM BEEKEEPER ASHLEY COOK

Submitted photos



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

### SHARING LUNCH

### Honey Wafers

1/2 C. butter  
 1/2 C. honey  
 2 C. sifted flour  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
 1/4 tsp. cloves  
 1/4 tsp. allspice  
 1/4 C. crushed bran flakes

Cream together butter and honey. Sift together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and allspice. Mix with bran flakes. Combine dry ingredients with honey and butter. Chill 1 hour or until firm enough to roll easily. Roll 1/8-inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter. Bake on greased baking sheet in moderate oven at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 3 dozen.

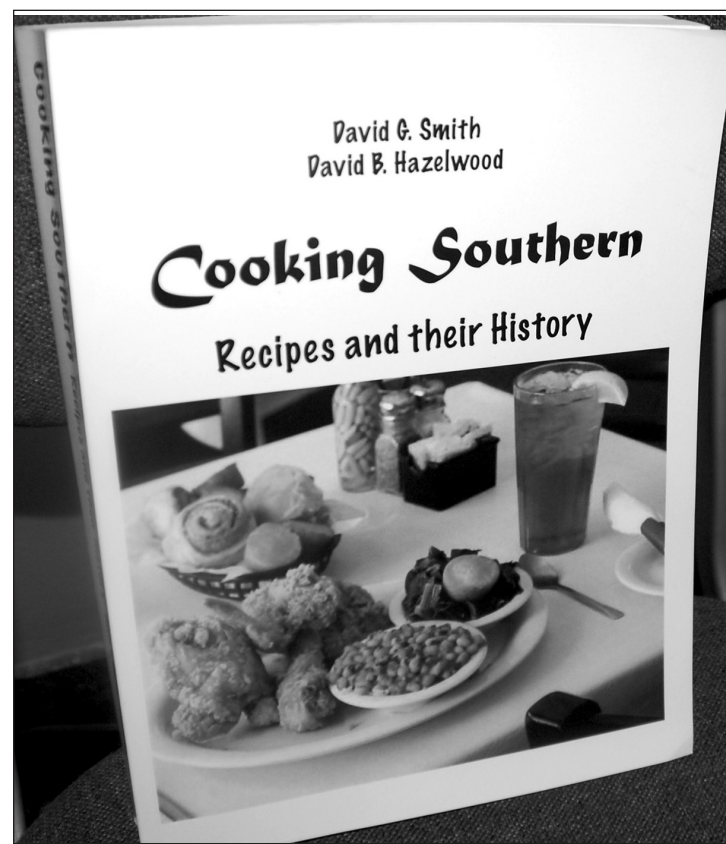
### Mint Sauce

1/4 C. chopped mint leaves  
 1/2 C. cider vinegar  
 1/2 C. strained honey

Add sugar to vinegar. When dissolved, pour over the mint and let stand 30 minutes over slow heat to infuse flavors. If the vinegar is strong, dilute

with water. Serve hot over hot lamb or boil sugar and vinegar, throw in the mint leaves, and let boil up once. A few drops

of mint extract may be added to vinegar and sugar instead of boiling. Set aside and set cold with lamb. Delicious!!



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GIFT IDEA FROM COOK FAMILY FARM



HONEY IS BEST PURCHASED LOCALLY



Farm reflections

## Cook

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jars of honey and orders can be placed through the Cook Family Farm Facebook page. There's an honey system box set up at the farm.

Beekeeping is a year-round task and a family tradition. Ashley says the honey idea actually started with her late aunt; she inherited her processing equipment.

Ashley recently became a certified master beekeeper. She's learned even more, now, about the honey-making process.

### How it all began

It was at the outset of the pandemic, this Bedford County farmer explains, when she "fell in love" with bees. These days, it's not unusual to see her climbing a ladder somewhere to retrieve a swarm.

The greatest importance of honey bees to agriculture isn't a product of the hive at all. It's their work as crop pollinators. This agricultural benefit of honey bees is estimated to be between 10 and

20 times the total value of honey and beeswax, according to the FDA.

In fact, bee pollination accounts for about \$15 billion in added crop value.

This Bedford County farmer says, while pushing back her billed cap, it should be made clear that beekeeping isn't for everyone.

Ashley often keeps her Facebook friends up-to-date on bee activity.

She posted on Facebook in late spring, "It's been a hot morning in the bee yard. I checked on my two new purchased queens, both laying eggs. A couple of weeks ago, David surprised me with a tiny mating nuc and stuff to start grafting queens myself. I used the mating box for a queen cell I removed from a colony and she's hatched out and been laying for a few days."

As tough as the nails, she passes off any bee stings which might happen in the process. When the honey is ready, she lets her community know. "Come out to the farm and grab some honey," she says. "No appointment needed."

Now, that's rural life in Bedford County, at its best.



ABOVE: Ashley Cook's goat herd spends its time on a 50 acre hillside and near the bee yard.

RIGHT: Within the peacefulness of Potts Farm Road in Wartrace is a local, agriculture cooperative known as Cook Family Farm.



Ashley Cook says wrapped up in those hives are sustainable farming and agriculture dollars.



This swarm of bees might be intimidating to some, but not beekeeper Ashley. She rescues such hives.



Ashley Cook is now a master beekeeper. This is her life.

## Doug

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we provided men with an opportunity to start a new life following the teachings of Jesus Christ and the holy scriptures.

Anthony had agreed to come back to Memphis with me, and he carried all of his belongings in one small trash bag that he loaded in my van.

As we drove out of the city of New Orleans, Anthony was excited, and in awe. He had never been on the causeway before, and as we neared Lake Pontchartrain he was amazed at that large body of water, thinking it was the ocean.

We headed north on I-55 and left Louisiana

behind and crossed into Mississippi.

This young New Orleans native had never seen open country before, and for the first time in his life he saw real cows grazing in the fields on either side of the roadway.

Anthony was thrilled at the sight and hollered to us, "Hey! Look at all those pork chops!"

We laughed and explained to him where pork came from.

When we made it back to the center in Memphis, we helped Anthony get settled into his dorm room and to get started on his journey of a new way of living.

It took Anthony a while to get adjusted to sleeping on clean sheets and on a comfortable mattress.

He wasn't used to eating

three healthy meals a day. Back home he would go days without eating anything.

Anthony tried to stay alert during our chapel services and discipleship classes, but he would drift off thinking about life back in New Orleans.

He hadn't been with us for more than a month when he came to my office one morning and said he needed to go home.

My staff and I tried to encourage him to stick it out and really give it a try. But, he was determined that he needed to get back home and see his "baby mama" and his son.

We prayed with him and counseled him, all to no avail. He boarded a bus that afternoon headed south to Louisiana.

I called my friend,

Greg, and informed him that Anthony was headed back home, determined to get back to his life in New Orleans.

Greg thanked me for our help and told me that he would let me know how things went for our young friend.

It wasn't two weeks later that I received a phone call from Greg.

He had some sad news to tell me about Anthony. The night before, this young man, who was still just a boy, had been shot and killed in a drug deal gone wrong in the Desire Projects.

My staff and I were heartbroken. We knew we had tried our best to help our young friend.

We loved him and encouraged him to accept the teachings of Jesus.

But, the draw of the streets and "the familiar" was too strong of a pull for Anthony and he lost his life on the streets he had attempted to leave behind.

As I look back on that young life lost so tragically, I know that I need to continue to spend my life trying to help people find a new beginning.

Not everyone is willing to accept the hope I share, but I am going to keep on pointing people to a new life in Christ.

There are so many other young men who have found hope for a new life in our ministries; men who have gone on to have successful ministries of their own. I thank God for each of those fine men of God.

But, I often find myself

thinking about Anthony and others like him who couldn't resist the lure of the streets.

But, I continue to pray for those who are bound and addicted. And I share the hope that I have in my heart with whoever will listen.

Christ can set us all free from our sins, whatever they may be. We just need to cry out to Him, and ask for His forgiveness. And then turn from that sinful life and live for Jesus.

I am praying for you.  
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# SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

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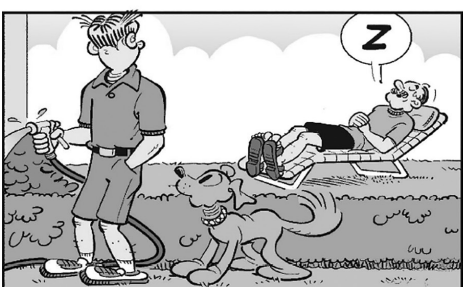
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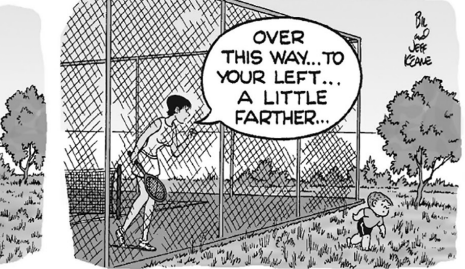
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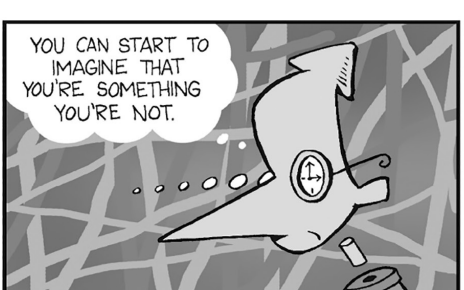
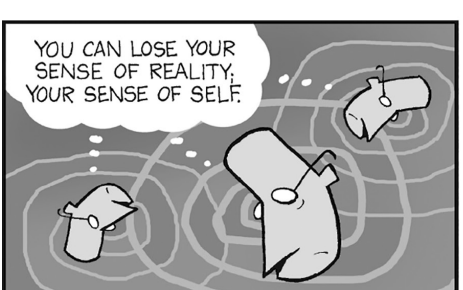
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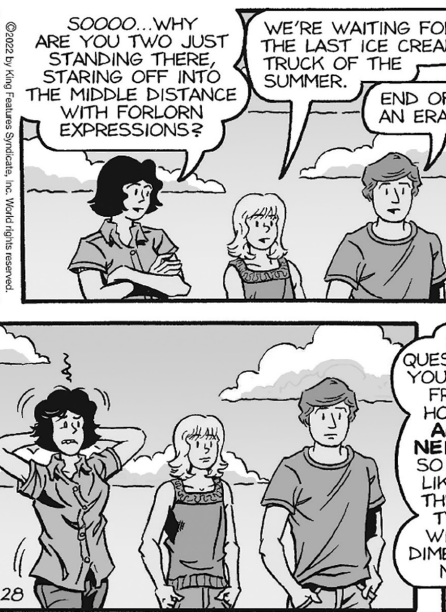
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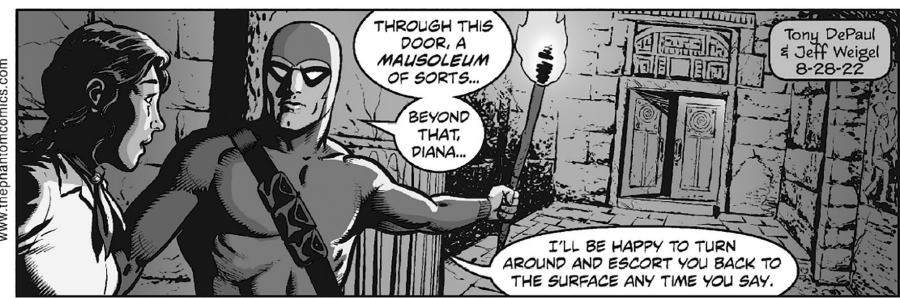
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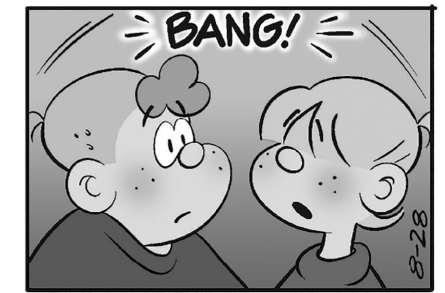
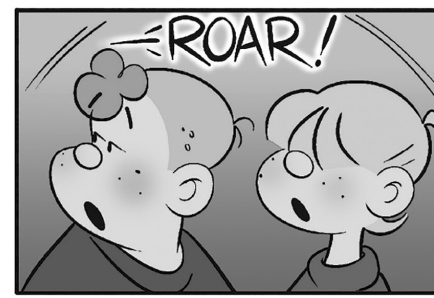
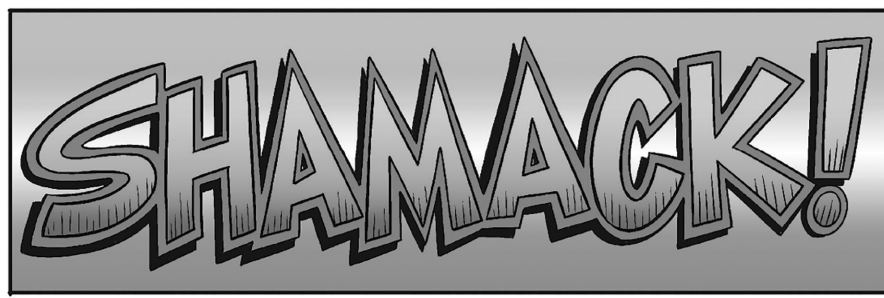




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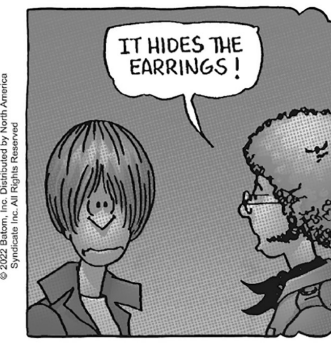
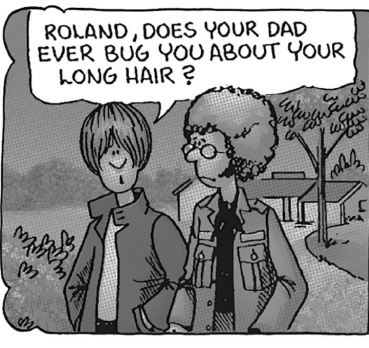
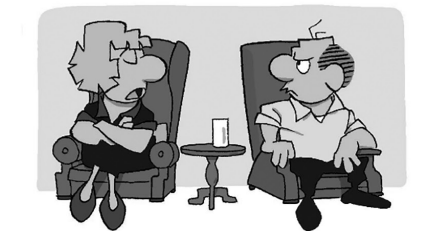


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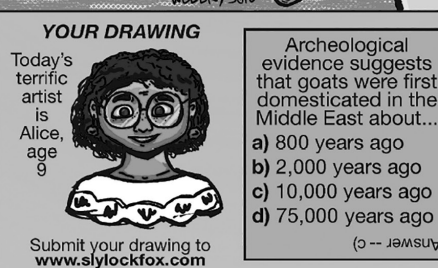
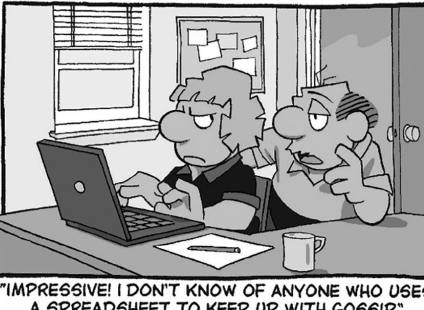
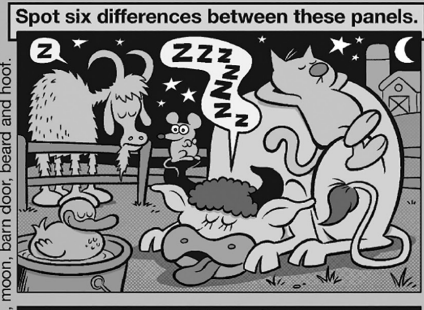


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CELEBRATION READY



It's been an amazing year for Beth Thomas. When she's not teaching at Cascade High School, the educator is cheering on her daughter, Sarah, at horse shows. Standing beside BP's Captain Jack Sparrow, she's looking forward to the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. All Bedford County students will be on break Monday, Aug. 29, through Labor Day, Sept. 5.

YOUTH RIDERS IN ACTION



Submitted Photos

One of the more popular facets of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration has to be the youth riders. See the competition through Saturday, Sept. 3.



# TWHNC holds 84th show

## Catch up on what, where and when

**T-G STAFF REPORT**

The 84th annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is taking place through Saturday, Sept. 3.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (931) 684-5915, Faye Lynn Ext. 104. General admission seating, located in the south grandstand, will be sold during the show.

Free morning performances are in Calsonic Arena.

Box seats are not sold by the night. However, the Celebration does have special packages available for certain nights.

The Celebration also does not sell reserved parking by the night. Reserved parking is sold for the entire show, but cash parking is available by the night. The cost for cash parking is \$5. Parking Permits for all nights costs \$87.80.

Children, regardless of age, who sit in a reserved seat, must have a ticket as all seats are assigned. In general admission, where there are no assigned seats, children 6 and under are free.

Below is pricing for reserved then general seats:

- Aug. 25 and 26—\$7.00.....\$5.00
- Aug. 27—\$15.00.....\$10.00
- Aug. 28—Aug. 31—\$7.00.....\$5.00
- Sept. 1—\$15.00.....\$8.00
- Sept. 2—\$18.00.....\$8.00
- Sept. 3—\$20.00.....\$12.00
- Combination of Sept. 1 to 3—\$50.00
- Book of tickets for ALL NIGHTS—\$100.00

**Special events**

Tune into 89.1 FM for live broadcasts of the morning and evening shows. The first class will begin that Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. The full class schedule can be found at twhnc.com.

**AUG. 27**

Hat night! Come wearing your big and bold hats for Hats off to The Celebration on Saturday.

A Celebration Super Horse Sale will take place Saturday at the Highway 43 Auction Co. Celebration Sale at Wisner Farm.

**AUG. 28**

A nondenominational worship service will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the north end of the main Celebration Arena.

Celebration Shootout is a 4-person scramble format golf tournament will be held at the Riverbend Country Club beginning at 9 a.m. Register online at twhnc.com. The Auxiliary Dog Show will be at Champions Arena at 12:30. A golf cart decorating contest and the annual Barn Decorating Contest will be at 1 p.m.

**AUG. 29 – 30**

Dollar nights! General admission will be just \$1 while the food booths will have dollar specials as well.

**SEPT. 2**

Come out to the Celebration to support local veterans during the annual Veterans' Night.

**ONGOING**

Vendors will be set up on the concourse of the Calsonic Arena and will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Outside vendors under the west grandstand area will operate 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

In addition to special events, visitors can also enjoy the Celebration Hall of Fame, the Celebration Plaza and Winner's Circle, and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Museum in Wartrace.

**TWHNC Rules**

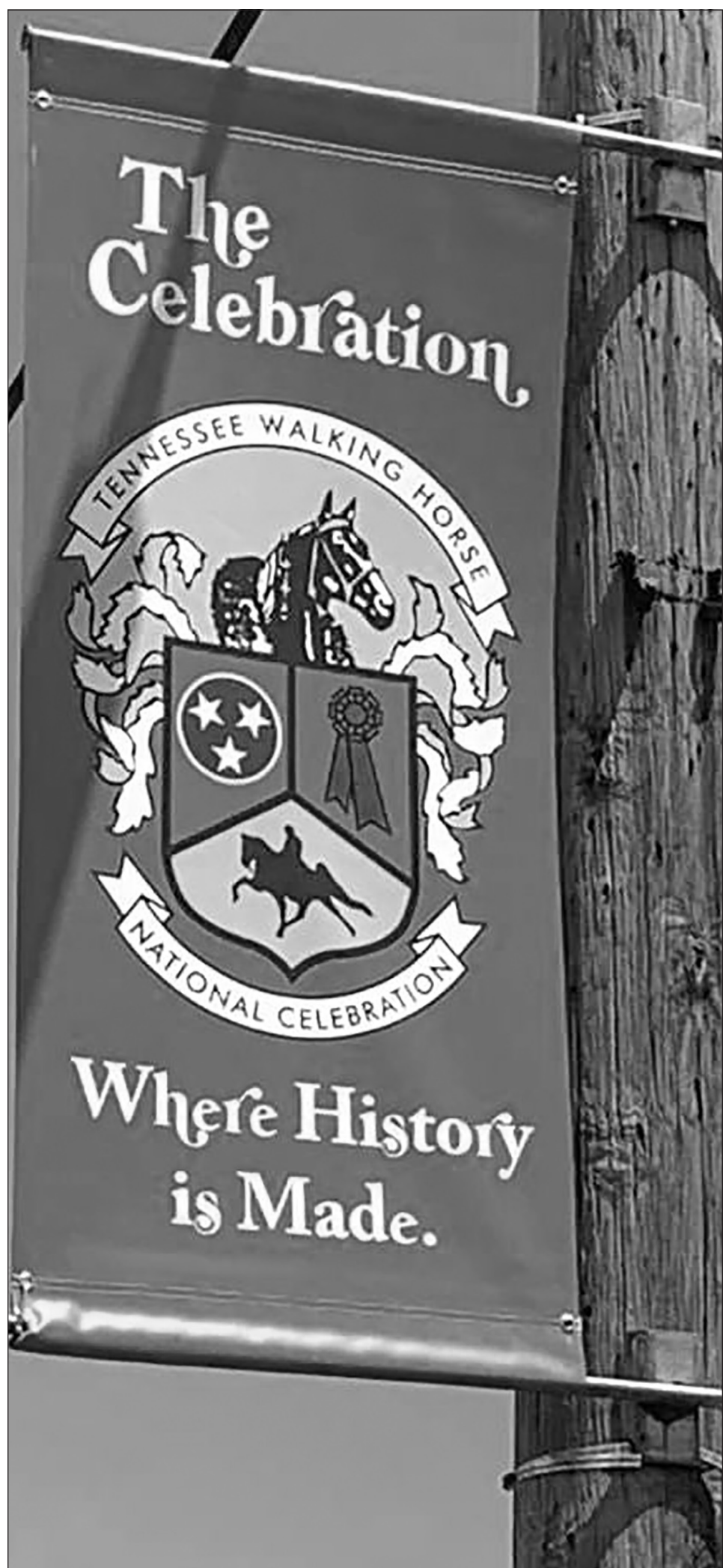
Cameras are allowed—but only handheld models. Tripods are not allowed, and filming must be done in your seat.

Individual, tote-size coolers are allowed but subject to inspection. No glass containers allowed.

Umbrellas are allowed in the facility, however, the raising of umbrellas inside is prohibited. Plastic tents are not allowed in the box seats or grandstands.

When walking around barn areas always be aware of horses and attendants and give them the right of way. If you have questions or would like to speak with a trainer, the Celebration suggests waiting until after the show as trainers are known to be very busy. Visitors are advised not to walk into stall areas or onto stable porches.

All guests are prohibited from entering the center ring without credentials.



# TWHNC guests invited to tour Nearest Green

## Whiskey producer 'celebrates' brand success

### Staff Report

One thing most local grandparents used during cold and flu season—honey and whiskey. Locally, we've pretty much got the honey covered and certainly, the whiskey.

In 2022, Bedford County earned its own whiskey producer—Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, which, by the way, just made the powerful Inc. 5000 List.

The Premium Tennessee Whiskey Distillery's growth of 693% lands the brand in the Top 1,000, making it one of the only black-owned spirit companies to do so in the list's history.

Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, the most-awarded American Whiskey or Bourbon since 2019, has been ranked among the top 1,000 companies honored on the 2022 Inc. 5000 list.

With its tremendous growth, since its first year, and nearly 700% during the capture period of this Inc. 5000 list, Uncle Nearest joins an illustrious group of honorees like Microsoft, Facebook, Under Armour, Chobani, Patagonia and many others who first gained national exposure on the Inc. 5000 list.

Every year, Inc. releases the ranking of the 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in America, based on percentage of revenue growth. Uncle Nearest is one of few spirit brands to ever be featured on the list.

In 2021, Uncle Nearest announced it had become the best-selling African American-owned and founded spirit brand in history, selling 1.5 million bottles of its sought after super premium whiskey.

The company has since gone on to sell more than 3 million bottles. Its whiskey portfolio is currently made up of its small batch whiskey, its Master Blend Edition, and its original aged whiskey offering, and is available in more than 25,000 U.S.



Nearest Green

locations.

"This year alone, we are on track to sell more bottles than we did in our first 3 1/2 years in business, and we've not even begun to scratch the surface," said Katharine Jerkens, chief business officer of Uncle Nearest. "When we entered the bourbon market, we had no idea we were making history as the first and only brand to commemorate an African American, and the first major spirit company to be founded and led by a leadership team of all women," said Fawn Weaver, chairman, CEO and founder of Uncle Nearest.

"The question on the mind of so many in the CPG and spirits industry was, 'could a brand with a story broaching American topics no one had ever attempted be embraced by consumers of every

background, gender and race?'

That answer has become abundantly clear. The world had been waiting for UncleNearest for more than 160 years, they just didn't realize it until our bottles hit shelves."

Since its debut in 2017, the super-premium whiskey from Shelbyville, Tenn. has swept major spirit competitions, garnering 509 awards, including 59 Best in Class, and 335 Gold, Double Gold and Platinum medals.

In 2022 alone, the brand has so far won 116 medals, including 12 Best in Class awards, and with an average critic score of 92 points, continues to solidify the brand's recognition as the most-awarded American whiskey or Bourbon for the fourth year in a row.

Nearest Green Distillery welcomes thousands of guests every weekend from all over the world. Its 323-acre property in Shelbyville is a masterclass in storytelling and purpose-driven marketing.

"Our goal is to cement the legacy of Nearest Green in the history books and in the hearts and minds of people all over. We are grateful to the Inc. 5000 for this honor that reminds us we're on track to make him a household name," said Victoria Eady Butler, fifth generation Nearest Green descendant and Uncle Nearest Master Blender.

For more information or to book a tour, please visit [unclenearest.com/distillery](http://unclenearest.com/distillery). Nearest Green Distillery is located at 3125 Highway 231 North at the former Sand Creek Farm.

# 'Cue the Grill

## Summer Cookout Guide

### Serve steak alongside a backyard barbecue staple

**A night of al fresco dining next to a grill in the backyard can be a great way to spend an evening.** Nearly any type of food can be grilled, and steaks tend to be especially good when cooked over an open flame.

The following recipe for "Grilled Rib-Eye Steaks with Mushroom-Shallot Butter" from Laurie McNamara's "Simple Scratch" (Avery) is sure to please, especially when coupled with McNamara's recipe for "Baked Beans," a must-have staple for any backyard barbecue.



### Grilled Rib-Eye Steaks with Mushroom-Shallot Butter

Serves 4 to 6

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) plus 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sliced shallot
- 1 heaping cup sliced cremini mushrooms
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon coarsely chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, plus more as needed
- 4 to 6 steaks (such as rib-eye, New York strip or porterhouse)

Melt 1 tablespoon of the butter in a medium skillet over medium-low heat. Add the shallot and cook until golden and slightly crispy, 7 to 8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the shallot to a clean plate. In the same skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of butter, then add the mushrooms, garlic, thyme, salt, and pepper. Stir and cook until the mushrooms are softened, about 5 minutes. Transfer to the plate with the shallot and let cool.

In a small bowl, use a rubber spatula to blend the remaining 8 tablespoons of butter with the cooled mushroom mixture until combined.

Place the butter in the center of a piece of parchment paper. Bring the edges together and press with your fingers to form the butter into a log. Roll and twist the ends before popping the butter into the refrigerator for at least 20 to 30 minutes.

Set the steaks on the counter for 30 minutes to bring them up to room temperature. Meanwhile, preheat a grill or grill pan to medium-high or about 400 F. Season both sides of the steaks with 2 pinches of salt and a pinch of pepper.

Grill each steak for 6 to 8 minutes per side, depending on the thickness and the desired doneness. Tent with aluminum foil and let rest for 5 minutes.

Slice the mushroom butter into coins and top each of the steaks with two coins before serving.

### Baked Beans

Serves 10

- 2 15-ounce cans navy beans, drained and rinsed
- 4 slices applewood- or pecan wood-smoked bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup diced yellow onion
- 1 1/2 cups ketchup
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsulphured molasses
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground mustard
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Combine the bacon and onion in a medium Dutch oven. Slowly cook over medium heat until the onion is tender and the bacon is cooked, 8 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, whisk together the ketchup, molasses, sugar, ground mustard, ground cloves, and 1 cup water to combine. Add the cooked beans and pour the mixture into the pot with the bacon and onion.

Stir, cover and bake for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes. Add the salt and stir. Uncover and let sit for 15 to 20 minutes before serving.



# Welcome visitors!

## Come and worship!



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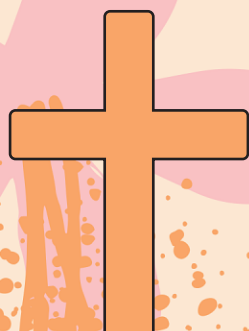
Local churches have the welcome mat rolled out for horse show visitors. A nondenominational worship service will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the north end of the main Celebration Arena.



I will lift my eyes unto the hills . . .

There's a lot of beautiful Bedford County countryside to see. Nancy Ayers captured this stunning photo off her Shelbyville/Normandy area farm.

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ABOVE: The Webb Feet took second overall in the Sun Drop Invitational on Wednesday.



RIGHT: The Cascade Lady Champions also took second in Wednesday's match at Willowbrook.

## Feet, Lady Champs 2nd in Sun Drop meet

### T-G STAFF REPORT

**MANCHESTER** — Teams from all across the mid-state took part in the Sun Drop Invitational, hosted by Willowbrook Golf Course on Wednesday morning.

The match spanned the full 18 holes of the course, compared to the normal nine-hole matches teams participate in.

Bedford County teams were also well-represented in the invitational, with both the Cascade Lady Champions and the Webb Feet taking second-place finishes in the team competition. Cookeville won the boys'

match, with a 299 team score, beating Webb by four strokes.

The Feet turned in a 303 score and were led by the solid play of Andrew Reeves and Eli Brown.

Reeves shot a 38 on the front and finished with a 35 for a 73 to lead Webb, Brown blistered his way through the front nine with a 34 before finishing with a 40 for a 74.

Phoenix Khamthong and Preston Hall each carded an 81 for Webb.

Shelbyville Central took third in the match and was led by Ashton Hardison, who had a stel-

lar day as well.

He shot a 76 total score and carded a 38 on both the front and back nine.

Boston Boyce turned in an 85, while Seth Sharp and Corban Crowe shot an 86 and 87, respectively.

In the girls' competition, Cascade turned in a team score of 159, just eight strokes off Cookeville, who won.

Tatyana Greene led the Lady Champs with a 76, good enough for the third-best score of the day.

She shot a 38 on the front nine

and followed with a 38 to close.

Anna Clanton finished her round with an 83 after shooting a 39 on the front and closing with a 44.

Webb's Kennedy Clarkson was the only member of the Lady Feet to participate and finished 10th out of 20 golfers with a score of 92.

Seth Sharp 39 47 (86)  
Corban Crowe 45 42 (87)  
Boston Boyce 41 44 (85)

Franklin Co. (366)  
Cookeville (299)  
Coffee Co. (354)  
Warren Co. (337)

**Girls**  
Cascade (159)  
Tatyana Greene 38 38 (76)  
Anna Clanton 39 44 (83)

**Webb (NS)**  
Kennedy Clarkson 39 43 (92)

Coffee Co. (178)  
Cookeville (151)  
Tullahoma (171)  
Warren Co. (190)  
Franklin Co. (199)

**Boys**  
Webb (303)  
Andrew Reeves 38 35 (73)  
Phoenix Khamthong 39 42 (81)  
Eli Brown 34 40 (74)  
Preston Hall 40 41 (81)

**Shelbyville (334)**  
Ashton Hardison 38 38 (76)



T-G Photos by Chris Siers

Anna Leigh tees off on Hole 1 during Tuesday afternoon's quad match at River Bend Country Club.

## Eagles 2nd in quad match

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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**SHELBYVILLE** — It was a busy afternoon on the course in a four-team match at River Bend Country Club on Tuesday afternoon.

Shelbyville Central had a strong and consistent showing from the Eagles' roster, but finished two strokes off the lead as Lawrence County posted a 177 team score to take the win.

Shelbyville finished its day with a 179.

Boston Boyce led the Eagles with a 41, just two strokes off the individual lead.

Lawrence County's Luke Mattox claimed medalist honors with a 39.

Corbin Crowe was three strokes back from Boyce's score and turned in a 44 after his round, while Hoyt Wessner and Seth Sharp each carded a 47.

On the girls side, lone Eaglette golfer Anna Leigh turned in a 60 for her afternoon score.

**Boys**  
Shelbyville (179)  
Boston Boyce 41  
Hoyt Wessner 47  
Corbin Crowe 44  
Seth Sharp 47

Lawrence Co. (177)  
Franklin Co. (193)  
Coffee Co. (194)  
Marshall Co. (NS)

**Girls**  
Shelbyville (NS)  
Anna Leigh 60

Coffee Co. (87)  
Lawrence Co. (100)  
Franklin Co. (108)



Boston Boyce shot a round-low 41 to set the pace for the Golden' Eagles during Tuesday's quad-match.



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

The Viqueens celebrate after a M.J. Simmons kill on Tuesday against the Tigerettes. Additional photo, Page 2C.

## Viqueens sweep Tigerettes in straight sets

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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**UNIONVILLE** — The Community Viqueens made quick work of the visiting Marshall County Tigerettes on Tuesday evening.

M.J. Simmons and Lizzy Beasley combined for 23 kills as the Viqueens swept the Tigerettes in straight sets.

The Purple and Gold took the first set, 25-10 and followed with a commanding 25-7 victory.

Marshall County fought back in the third set, but Community finished off the Tigerettes with a 25-15 Set 3 win.

Simmons recorded 14 kills and 11 assists, while Beasley added nine kills and five aces.

Breanna Grooms added three aces and 16 assists to the cause as well.

Community gets a bit of a break until September 6, when the Viqueens hit the road to take on Giles County.

Community 3, Marshall Co. 0  
Set scores: 25-10, 25-7, 25-15

M.J. Simmons 14 kills, 11 assists  
Abi Brown 2 digs, 1 ace  
Paige Simmons 5 kills, 1 block  
Lizzy Beasley 9 kills, 5 aces  
Izzy Martinez 7 kills, 1 dig  
Breanna Grooms 3 aces, 16 assists  
Kassadie Mack 1 ace

# Viqueens downed 1-0 in defensive struggle

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Huntland Lady Hornets scored eight minutes into the game and the Community Viqueens could not match the Lady Hornet goal as the Viqueens fell 1-0 in a non-district soccer matchup Tuesday night.

Community (1-1) had trouble finding a rhythm against the Lady Hornets, a team that appeared in the TSSAA state tournament last season.

After the Viqueens controlled the ball on the Lady Hornet end of the field in the first minutes, Huntland took possession and found an opening as

Logan McLennan received a cross and scored at the 32:14 mark as the Lady Hornets took a 1-0 lead.

The Viqueens came close to scoring as Jennifer Zuniga was just wide on a shot with six minutes remaining as the Lady Hornets took their lead into the intermission.

Zoey Dixon of the Viqueens fired a shot off the goalie three minutes into the second half while Community goalie Carlie Blanton stopped a close Lady Hornet attempt minutes later as the teams battled to score the second goal.

The Viqueen intensity increased in the final six minutes as Community

looked for the tying goal.

A final shot off a corner kick with 13 seconds left was saved by the Huntland goalkeeper as the Lady Hornets took the win.

Community faced Webb on Thursday night, however results were unavailable at press time.

Huntland	1	0	-1
Community	0	0	-0

**First Half**  
H - Logan McLennan goal, (32:14).

**Zoey Dixon (22) of the Viqueens drills the ball against the Lady Hornets.**

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy



## VIQUEENS SWEEP

**Abi Brown bumps the ball and saves a possession for the Viqueens.**

T-G Photo by Chris Siers



# Vikings downed by Eagleville

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
ROCKVALE — The Community Vikings came up short in Tuesday's dual-team match at Champion's Run against Eagleville.

The Eagles took the team competition with a 192, while the Vikings turned in a 236.

Logan Miller posted the lowest score for the Vikings, shooting a 51, while Drew Harris turned in a 57.

Blaine Paschal and Nathan Stacy finished with a 63 and 65, respectively.

Eagleville's Kolt

Bassham won the match with a 44.

On the girls' side, the Lady Eagles finished with a team score of 100.

Sarah Brooke Neill was the only Viqueen to participate and she finished with a 65.

**Boys**  
Community (236)  
Logan Miller 51  
Blaine Paschal 63  
Drew Harris 57  
Nathan Stacy 65

Eagleville (192)

**Girls**  
Eagleville (100)  
Community NS  
Sarah Brooke Neill 65



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**#15**

**Position(s):** FB / LB  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Head Coach:** Jake Tyre  
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**James Bowling**



**#58**

**Position(s):** RG / LB  
**Grade:** Junior  
**Head Coach:** Chris Grooms  
**FirstBank Representative:** Daryl O'Neal

# Alabama, Georgia, Texas A&M in hunt for title

By **JOHN ZENOR**  
AP Sports Writer

The rest of the Southeastern Conference isn't about to throw a pity party for Alabama and Georgia, no matter how many stars they lost to the NFL.

Everyone else in the league is still chasing last season's two top teams, with Jimbo Fisher and Texas A&M leading the pursuit. It hardly matters that Alabama lost some of its best offensive playmakers and Georgia must replace some of its top defenders among 15 NFL draft picks.

The preseason No. 1 Crimson Tide, third-ranked Bulldogs and sixth-ranked Aggies all have abundant talent and national championship aspirations. Georgia wound up on top last season and, like 'Bama, wants to remain regular contenders not, as coach Kirby Smart put it, "one-year wonders."

"This program was built to be here for a long time," Smart said.

Alabama, which lost to Georgia in the national championship game, has two of college football's biggest stars: Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Bryce Young and national defensive player of the year Will Anderson. The Tide turned to the transfer portal to replace tailback Brian Robinson Jr. and top receive-

ers Jameson Williams and John Metchie III.

The Bulldogs have All-America tight end Brock Bowers, quarterback Stetson Bennett and a still well-stocked defense.

"We have plenty of talent," Smart said. "What we lack right now is experience."

Alabama is still stinging from that 33-18 loss to Smart and the Bulldogs, who snapped a 41-year national title drought.

As ever, anything short of a national title at Alabama is a disappointment in Tuscaloosa. A "participation trophy" is on display in the cafeteria where the players eat as a daily reminder.

Saban recently called last season "a rebuilding year" after a massive loss of NFL talent, and this season's Georgia team can relate.

Safety Jordan Battle said Alabama is striving to remedy one apparent shortcoming from 2021.

"We're trying to get the brotherhood mentality back on task," Battle said. "I feel like that's one thing we didn't do last year. I feel like we didn't have the leadership like the 2020 (title team's) leadership."

## The picks

East: Georgia, Kentucky,

Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, Missouri, Vanderbilt

West: Alabama, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Mississippi, Mississippi State, LSU, Auburn

## Top players

Will Anderson, LB, Alabama: The 6-foot-4, 243-pounder was the national sack leader and a unanimous All-American. Plus, he finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Kayshon Boutte, WR, LSU: Led the Tigers in receiving despite missing the final seven games with an ankle injury. Has 14 touchdowns in 16 career games. Brock Bowers, TE, Georgia: A second-team AP All-American as a freshman, Bowers had the most prolific season by a Bulldogs tight end with 56 catches for 882 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Nick Broeker, OL, Mississippi: The two-year starter at left tackle is moving to guard. Western Kentucky transfer Mason Brooks could man one of the tackle spots with Jeremy James.

Jalen Carter, DL, Georgia: Regarded as the Bulldogs' next big defensive line star, he was still a powerful force in a loaded front. Had 33 quarterback hurries and blocked two kicks despite starting just two games.

Jalen Catalon, S, Arkansas:

Made 46 tackles in six games last season before a shoulder injury and intercepted two passes in the opener against Rice. Antonio Johnson, S, Texas A&M: Heads a veteran secondary after starting every game as a sophomore. Johnson had 79 tackles, including 8.5 behind the line.

Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee: Back for his sixth year, Hooker set program records for passing efficiency (181.4) and completion percentage (68). Had 31 touchdowns against just three interceptions.

Chris Rodriguez Jr., RB, Kentucky: A first-team AP All-SEC pick last season, Rodriguez has racked up 2,740 yards and 26 rushing touchdowns in his career.

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama: Tide's second straight Heisman Trophy winner set school single-season marks with 4,872 passing yards and 47 touchdowns.

## New faces

Billy Napier (Florida) and Brian Kelly (LSU) are trying to turn their programs back into contenders after 6-7 seasons. With the transfer portal, the teams are all hoping to fill voids immediately with experienced players. The most prominent is South Carolina quarterback Spencer Rattler, via Oklahoma.

Alabama's title hopes could hinge on five transfers: tailback Jahmyr Gibbs, receivers Jermaine Burton and Tyler Harrell, cornerback Eli Ricks and tackle Tyler Steen. Texas A&M brought in LSU quarterback transfer Max Johnson. Ole Miss could start USC transfer Jaxson Dart at QB.

## On the hot seat

Auburn coach Bryan Harsin has to be atop this list even though it's only his second season. The Tigers ended last season on a five-game losing streak and then had coaching and player turnover. There don't seem to be any other head coaches in immediate jeopardy barring collapses. Missouri's Eli Drinkwitz and Mississippi State's Mike Leach both are just under .500 after two seasons but with reasons for optimism.

## Biggest games

Alabama versus Texas A&M on Oct. 8 has it all. The Aggies handed Alabama its lone regular season loss in 2021 and then Fisher and Saban juiced up the SEC West rivalry with some off-season verbal sparring. Georgia opens in Atlanta with No. 11 Oregon, and Bama faces Texas on Sept. 10. Texas A&M hosts 16th-ranked Miami on Sept. 17.

# From the Heisman to the Thorpe, the winners are?

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

Alabama quarterback Bryce Young is the first Heisman Trophy winner since 2017 to play another college season and he is trying to become just the second player to win the award twice.

It has been nearly half a century since Ohio State's Archie Griffin won back-to-back Heismans in 1974-75. Since then, 10 winners have returned to school and none have really come close to repeating.

This is part of the reason why Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud, who finished fourth in the Heisman voting last year, is the favorite to win the award this season, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Who will win college football's biggest individual prizes in 2022? Let's have a look:

### HEISMAN TROPHY (most outstanding player)

Top contenders: Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama; Devin Leary, QB, North Carolina State; Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas; C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State; Caleb Williams, QB, USC; Bryce Young, QB, Alabama.

Breakout player who won't win the award but could be a finalist: Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida.

And the winner is ... Williams becomes the third quarterback coached by Lincoln Riley to win the Heisman, following Kyler Murray and Baker Mayfield at Oklahoma.

### BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY (defensive player of the year)

Contenders: Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama; Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia; Noah Sewell, LB Oregon; Will McDonald IV, DE, Iowa State; Clark Phillips III, CB, Utah.

Breakout player who won't win the award but could be a finalist: Jack Sawyer, DE, Ohio State.

And the winner is ... Anderson will have to live up to a mountain of hype to become the second player to repeat as Nagurski winner (Pat Fitzgerald of Northwestern, 1995-96). He's good enough to do it.

### OUTLAND TROPHY (best interior lineman)

Contenders: Bryan Bresee, DT, Clemson; Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia; Siaki Ika, DT, Baylor; Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State; Pete Skoronski, OT, Northwestern.

Breakout player who won't win it but could be a finalist: Blake Fisher, OT, Notre Dame.

And the winner is ... Carter is considered to have a higher ceiling than the two first-round draft picks Georgia had on its line last year (Jordan Davis and Devonte Wyatt).

### DOAK WALKER AWARD (best running back)

Contenders: Braelon Allen, Wisconsin; TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State; Bijan Robinson, Texas; Sean Tucker, Syracuse; Deuce Vaughn, Kansas State.

Breakout player who won't win it but could be a finalist: Corey Kiner, Cincinnati.

And the winner is ... Allen follows up his late-season freshman breakout of 2021 with a full-season run at 2,000 yards rushing.

### BILETNIKOFF AWARD (best receiver)

Contenders: Jordan Addison, USC; Kayshon, Boutte, LSU; Josh Downs, North Carolina; Jaxson Smith-Njigba, Ohio State; Cedric Tillman, Tennessee.

Breakout player who won't win it but could be a finalist: Juice Wells, South Carolina.

And the winner is ... Boutte is the focal point of an LSU offense that is otherwise looking for continuity and cohesion.

### JIM THORPE AWARD (best defensive back)

Contenders: Jordan Battle, S, Alabama; Brandon Joseph, S, Notre Dame; Clark Phillips III, CB, Utah; Joey Porter Jr, CB, Penn State; Kelee Ringo, CB, Georgia.

Breakout player who won't win it but could be a finalist: James Williams, S, Miami.

And the winner is ... Phillips is the latest Utes defensive back destined to be a high-round draft pick.

### EXTRA POINTS

Butkus Award (best linebacker): Justin Flowe, Oregon.

Mackey Award (best tight end): Michael Mayer, Notre Dame.

Groza Award (best kicker): Harrison Mevis, Missouri.

Ray Guy (best punter): Adam Kosrak, Rutgers.

# Who will win the national championship in 2022?

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

Sometimes a prediction can feel right even though it ends up wrong. And vice versa.

Last season, this column projected both Ohio State and Alabama to miss the College Football Playoff. Bold? Dumb? The line is fine.

One out of two isn't bad, but in some ways the one that ended up being wrong felt more right.

While the Buckeyes did turn out to be vulnerable, the pick here to win the Big Ten and reach the playoff for the first time was ... Wisconsin. The Badgers went 9-4 last season and didn't even win their division. The Buckeyes lost to Oregon early and Michigan late.

As for Alabama, the theory behind the Crimson Tide missing the CFP was that it would lose a regular-season game — most likely at Texas A&M — and then Georgia would eliminate Nick Saban's team by winning the SEC title game.

That looked like a good call when the unbeaten and favored Bulldogs went up 10-0 in the second quarter in Atlanta. Then Bryce Young carved up Georgia's vaunted defense and it became yet another example of the perils of picking against 'Bama.

Some redemption came in the CFP title game, when Georgia — as predicted here in the preseason — won the national title.

While it's cool to be right, predictions are mostly made for fun. Straight chalk is boring, but last season's volatility that included Ohio State, Clemson and Oklahoma having long conference championship streaks snapped might be tough to repeat. With all that in mind:

## Underachievers, overachievers

Three teams that will start the season ranked in the AP Top 25 but finish unranked:

— No. 12 Oklahoma State. The super seniors and coordinator that powered one of the best defenses in the country are gone and the Big 12 is always unpredictable.

— No. 16 Miami. Hurricanes haters get one more year of mocking how the U. is Back! Might want to get it out of your system, though, because Miami under Mario Cristobal is not likely to be mediocre for much longer.

— No. 19 Arkansas. The SEC West is a gauntlet and somebody is going to be disappointed. You're it, Razorbacks.

Three teams that will start the season unranked but finish ranked:

— Penn State. On the way to building toward something big in 2023, James Franklin and the Nittany Lions bounce back from two lackluster seasons.

— Kansas State. The Adrian Martinez redemption tour.

— UCF. The Knights have been usurped by Cincinnati as kings of the AAC and Houston is the buzzy G5 team heading into this season. But UCF looks loaded in Year 2 under Gus Malzahn.

## Conference champions

American Athletic Conference — Houston over UCF. The future of the Big 12.

Atlantic Coast Conference — Clemson over North Carolina. What better way to end divisional play in the ACC than Clemson beating the fourth-best team in the conference?

Big 12 — Kansas State over Oklahoma. Score one for the left-overs.

Big Ten — Ohio State over Minnesota. The West Division will come down to a fun, four- or five-team scramble and the winner's reward is a beatdown from the Buckeyes in Indianapolis.

Conference USA — UAB over UTSA. (Insert joke about how difficult it is to remember who is still in

C-USA).

Mid-American Conference — Toledo over Miami (Ohio). Picking the favorites in the MAC is never a great idea, but here we are.

Mountain West — Fresno State over Boise State. Quarterback Jake Haener and the Bulldogs give Fresno State its first MWC title since 2018.

Pac-12 — Oregon over USC. A first-year coach wins the Pac-12. Just not the one getting the most attention.

Southeastern Conference — Alabama over Georgia. Yep, we're doing this again.

## Coaching carousel

Nebraska gets off to an encouraging start in coach Scott Frost's make-or-break season, but stumbles down the stretch against a difficult closing schedule (Minnesota, at Michigan, Wisconsin and at Iowa). The school parts ways with the hometown hero. Next up for the Cornhuskers? How about Matt Campbell from Iowa State?

## New Year's Six bowls

Rose Bowl — Michigan vs. USC. Sugar Bowl — Georgia vs. Kansas State.

Cotton Bowl — Houston vs. Oklahoma.

Orange Bowl — North Carolina State vs. Texas A&M.

## Playoff

Fiesta Bowl (semifinals) — No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 3 Clemson.

Peach Bowl (semifinals) — No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Oregon.

## National championship

Ohio State over Alabama. The Buckeyes win a rematch of the 2020 CFP championship game, with C.J. Stroud outdueling Bryce Young.

# PGA commits to big money showdowns

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA — The PGA Tour made its boldest response yet to the rival Saudi-funded league Wednesday with a plan for the best players to commit to a 20-tournament schedule in which they will compete against one another up to 17 times for average purses of \$20 million.

The tour also is doubling the bonus pool of its Player Impact Program to \$100 million spread across 20 players, and it's changing the criteria so it's geared more toward media exposure.

Players starting out their careers will get \$500,000 at the start of the year that will count against their earnings until the number

is surpassed.

"This isn't some sort of renegade group trying to take some sort of power grab of the PGA Tour," said Rory McIlroy, a player-director on the tour board.

"This is, 'OK, how can we make this tour better for everyone that's going to play on it now and everyone that's going to play on the PGA Tour going forward.'"

Of the sweeping changes PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan laid out, the most significant was what came out of a private meeting of 23 top players last week: a new model that assures the best play in the same tournaments more often.

"Those players rallied together to strengthen the tour platform, recognizing

that if fans are going to invest in the PGA Tour, it means a hell of a lot more if they know the players are investing right back," Monahan said.

The 20-tournament commitment starts in January with the Sentry Tournament of Champions at Kapalua and assumes top players are eligible.

Greg Norman, the leader of LIV Golf, responded with an Instagram meme in which Monahan says, "Hey, can I copy your homework?" And then Norman's reply is, "Sure, just make it look different so it doesn't look obvious." Norman added a comment: "A day late and a dollar short."

LIV Golf, backed by the Public Investment Fund in Saudi Arabia, has

been paying big names — such as Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka — massive signing fees said to be worth \$150 million or higher.

Each event has a \$25 million purse for a 48-man field over 54 holes. The individual winner of the LIV event gets \$4 million. The money has been appealing in attracting some two dozen PGA Tour players.

Most of the tour's key tournaments already were in place — the Genesis Invitational at Riviera, Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill and the Memorial; Kapalua and Match Play; the three FedEx Cup playoff events; ▶ See **PGA**, Page 4C

PGA

(Continued from Page 3C) the four majors and The Players Championship. Still to be announced are four tournaments that Monahan said would be rotated among existing events during the FedEx Cup season — January to August — although the Scottish Open is under consideration for hosting a \$20 million event.

Players also would be required to play three other tournaments during the FedEx Cup season. That would throw out a lifeline to tournaments that otherwise would have a hard time attracting top players.

But for the tour, it was a chance to all but guarantee when and where to find the best players.

“When I tune in to a Tampa Bay Buccaneers game, I expect to see Tom Brady throw a football. When I tune in to a Formula One race, I expect to see Lewis Hamilton in a car,” McIlroy said. “I think what came out of the meeting last week ... is the fact that we’ve all made a commitment to get together more often to make the product more compelling.”

The changes came quickly. Top players began gathering at the J.P. McManus Pro-Am in Ireland last month and it culminated with a players-only meeting involving 23 top players at the BMW Championship.

Tiger Woods flew to Delaware from his home in Florida for the meeting. Woods and McIlroy are seen as the leaders of change among players, though all accounts indicate the majority of them were behind the changes.

“I think the one thing that has happened over the years is we all are our own

little independent businesses,” McIlroy said. “I think this is the first time in a long time where we sort of all sat down and were like, ‘Let’s try to be business partners.’”

“How can we all pull in the same direction here to benefit everyone and to help the entire tour and to help each other?”

The eligibility doesn’t change, and the field sizes for elevated tournaments already on the schedule remain. Four of those eight events have a 36-hole cut. Monahan did not say what the eligibility would be for the four new tournaments.

The “top players” who commit to the 20-tournament schedule are defined by the Player Impact Program. The program was to pay the leading 10 players from a \$50 million bonus pool, with the standings based largely on Q-rating and social media. Now it’s for 20 players worth \$100 million, with metrics such as TV exposure, fan awareness and media mentions.

The announcement comes at the season-ending Tour Championship, where the winner of the FedEx Cup gets \$18 million. The LIV Golf series is expected to announce a new batch of PGA Tour players that is likely to include as many as six players.

The tour already has suspended players who have joined LIV Golf — some have resigned — as soon as they play in Norman’s rival league.

Monahan declined to say if there was a way back for those who have left for LIV. He cited the ongoing antitrust lawsuit that several players filed against the PGA Tour.

Two weeks ago, a federal judge denied a request by three LIV golfers who sought to play in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

# Offenses struggle during Titans-Cardinals joint workout

By **TERRY McCORMICK**  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans and Arizona Cardinals tried to make the most of their one practice against each other on Wednesday.

The teams held a joint practice ahead of Saturday night’s preseason game. They had agreed to cut their two scheduled workouts to one and limited that session to one-on-one drills and a two-minute team period at the end of practice. Both teams will practice separately on Thursday.

Neither Tennessee’s nor Arizona’s first-team offenses scored a touchdown during the team period. The only scores in the drill belonged to the Cardinals, whose second unit got a TD when backup quarterback Trace McSorley hit rookie receiver Jontre Kirklín in the flat. Titans cornerback Chris Jackson slipped while trying to make the stop, there was no help behind and Kirklín went untouched into the end zone.

That came after the Titans’ second-team offense committed a turnover as Cardinals safety Tae Daley intercepted Malik Willis’ pass and returned it for a score.

The Titans’ first-team offense did not score on either attempt. One possession ended when Arizona’s Byron Murphy got in front of Racey McMath as he went up for the foot-

ball and picked off Ryan Tannehill’s end zone pass.

“I thought that there was some good stuff. I thought that seven-on-seven was good,” Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. “Down there in the red zone in the one-on-ones, it’s the same stuff, and we just have to realize, it’s going to be contested.”

“The offenses didn’t do much there in the two-minute. We’ll have to figure that out.”

Tannehill offered a similar assessment, saying, “Just inconsistent overall.”

Arizona’s first-team offense didn’t fare much better. While the Cardinals did not have any turnovers, they struggled gaining yards against the Titans defense in the two-minute as Kyler Murray was forced to throw check-downs and underneath routes. He scrambled just once on two drives.

Cardinals coach Kliff Kingsbury came away pleased with the work, even in team drills. He said that having NFL officials on hand for practice was good, even if a few penalties hurt Arizona in the period. One penalty in two-minute caused a 10-second runoff that exhausted the clock.

“We got what we wanted out of it,” Kingsbury said. “Had some tough penalties called which we’ve got to

get cleaned up. But I think just the operation, to have a real NFL officiating crew and working against another team was good for us.”

Notes

Titans running back Derrick Henry worked in team drills for the first time in at least two weeks. He had two carries against the Tennessee defense and looked smooth in running off-tackle on a pair of carries in the period. “He’s been all for whatever it is that we decide is best for him and the team,” Vrabel said of Henry. ... Cardinals wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who is suspended for this season’s first six games for violating the NFL’s policy on performance-enhancers, got in some work during the joint practice. Hopkins got past Titans cornerback Caleb Farley to make one play. ... Titans rookie punter Ryan Stonehouse, trying to unseat veteran Brett Kern, had nearly all his punts in the period go for 55-plus yards. ... Nicholas Petit-Frere continued to get first-team reps at right tackle for the second consecutive practice. ... The Titans acquired defensive back Ugo Amadi and a seventh-round pick in the 2024 draft from the Philadelphia Eagles for a sixth-round pick in 2024. ... The Titans also placed linebacker Monty Rice on the PUP list.

# Brissett to start for Browns

By **TOM WITHERS**  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Jacoby Brissett will finally make his delayed debut for the Browns.

The veteran quarterback, set to fill in as Cleveland’s starter while Deshaun Watson serves his upcoming 11-game NFL suspension, will start Saturday night’s exhibition finale against the Chicago Bears.

Brissett has yet to see any action during the preseason but will finally get

some snaps with the first-team offense in a game setting. Coach Kevin Stefanski doesn’t know exactly how long Brissett and Cleveland’s other starters will be on the field.

“We want to see what we do in the drives that Jacoby’s in there,” Stefanski said. “If we feel like he needs more time, if we feel like he needs certain plays full speed in the game setting, we’ll do that. But it’s just a constant communication with the coaches to make sure we

get what we need.”

Earlier this week, Bears coach Matt Eberflus said his starters will play “up to a half.”

This will be a dress rehearsal of sorts for the Sept. 11 season opener at Carolina when Brissett will square off against former Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield, who was named the Panthers’ starting QB earlier this week.

The Browns are counting on the 29-year-old Brissett to hold things down while Watson is out

after he agreed last week to his suspension, a \$5 million fine, and to undergo mandatory counseling and treatment for violating the league’s personal conduct policy.

Watson was accused of sexual misconduct and harassment by two dozen women during massage therapy sessions in Texas while he played for Houston. The three-time Pro Bowler, who signed a \$230 million contract with Cleveland, will begin his suspension on Aug. 30.

# Kurt Busch to miss start of NASCAR playoffs

By **JENNA FRYER**  
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kurt Busch will miss the start of NASCAR’s playoffs with concussion-like symptoms that have sidelined him six for weeks, meaning two spots in the 16-driver field will be open Saturday night in the regular-season finale at Daytona International Speedway.

23XI Racing on Thursday withdrew the medical waiver that was holding Busch’s spot in the playoffs.

“As much as I wanted and hoped to be able to get back in the No. 45 cae to make a playoff run with our team, it’s still not the right time for me,” Busch said on social media. “In addition to not being cleared to return to racing, I know that I am not ready to be back in the car.”

Busch has been out since he crashed in qualifying July 23 at Pocono. Ty Gibbs, the 19-year-old grandson of Joe Gibbs, has replaced Busch since he was injured.

Busch earned his spot in the playoffs with a win at Kansas Speedway in May and, had he not been injured, NASCAR’s 2004 champion would have participated in the playoffs for a 10th consecutive season. By pulling its medical waiver, 23XI gave some breathing room to fellow Toyota driver Martin Truex Jr., who was battling Ryan Blaney for the final spot in the field.

“I respect the sport of NASCAR, my fellow drivers and the fans too much to take up a playoff spot if I know I can’t compete for a championship this season,” Busch said. “The decision was not an easy one, but I know it is the right thing to do.”

David Wilson, president of Toyota Racing Development, said the manufacturer will still lean on Busch throughout the playoffs.

“Toyota’s priority for Kurt Busch since the moment the accident took place at Pocono has been his health and recovery. Not his recovery to get back in a race car, but his recovery overall,” Wilson said. “While we’re disappointed that he won’t get the chance to compete for the 2022 championship by missing the start of the playoffs, his well-being is the only thing that matters to us.”

NASCAR commended Busch for how he’s handled his injury and said the No. 45 will still be eligible to compete for the owner’s championship.

# NFL news dominates in offseason

By **ROB MAADDI**  
AP Pro Football Writer

After one of the wildest offseasons in NFL history featuring blockbuster trades, rapid free-agency movement, record-setting contracts and plenty of off-field drama, the regular season is almost here.

Are you ready for some football?

The Buffalo Bills visit the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams in two weeks to kick off the season in prime time.

If the action on the field matches the offseason excitement, it’ll be a season for the ages.

NFL news dominated sports headlines throughout the spring and summer.

Tom Brady retired in February, returned in March, took an 11-day break from training camp in August and enters his third season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers seeking his eighth Super Bowl ring at age 45.

Russell Wilson, Matt Ryan, Carson Wentz and Baker Mayfield were among the quarterbacks on the move. Tyreek Hill, Davante Adams, A.J. Brown and Amari Cooper led the list of star wide receivers who also were traded.

Deshaun Watson was dealt from Houston to Cleveland but the Browns will have to wait three

months for the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback to make his debut. Watson must serve an 11-game suspension as part of a settlement with the NFL following accusations of sexual misconduct by two dozen women.

Former Dolphins coach Brian Flores filed a racial discrimination lawsuit against the league before the end of last season. Miami was penalized for tampering with Brady and coach Sean Payton, who stepped down after 15 seasons in New Orleans.

Dan Snyder’s team got a new name — Commanders — and Washington’s owner finally testified last month before a congressional committee investigating the team’s history of workplace misconduct.

Those were the biggest stories that kept the NFL atop news cycles. Now, attention turns to playing the games and finding out who will hoist the Lombardi Trophy in Arizona in February.

The Rams, Buccaneers and Packers are the top three teams in the NFC, per FanDuel Sportsbook’s Super Bowl odds. The Bills, Chiefs and Chargers are the top three betting favorites in the AFC.

Matthew Stafford and Sean McVay will try to become the first QB-coach duo to win consecutive Super Bowls since Brady

and Bill Belichick did it in New England in 2003-04. The Rams, however, must replace seven starters, including Von Miller.

Brady’s return gives Tampa a legitimate shot to win its second title in three years. But the Buccaneers suffered major losses on the offensive line in camp. Pro Bowl center Ryan Jensen and left guard Aaron Stinnie went down with significant knee injuries.

The Buccaneers also have a new coach. Bruce Arians retired and was replaced by defensive coordinator Todd Bowles.

“You either get the job done or you don’t,” Brady said. “There’s only one team that is really happy at the end of the year and it is the team that wins.”

The Packers gave Aaron Rodgers a three-year, \$150.8 million contract extension but lost Adams, leaving a major void on offense. Rodgers already criticized the team’s young receivers, saying they need to be more consistent.

The Cowboys could emerge into a championship contender but Dallas will have a tough time holding off Philadelphia in the NFC East, which hasn’t seen a repeat division winner since the Eagles won four titles in a row from 2001-04.

Josh Allen and the Bills are the odds-on favorites

in a conference filled with competitive teams. Buffalo has to find a way to get past its playoff failures after last season’s collapse in Kansas City.

The Bills have the league’s most talented roster, boasting a dynamic offense and a stingy defense. Winning in January is the biggest obstacle Buffalo has to overcome.

“Nothing we did last year is going to carry over to this year,” Allen said.

Like the Packers, the Chiefs traded away their top receiver, sending Hill to Miami. But Patrick Mahomes still has Travis Kelce and other playmakers around him.

Kansas City’s road through the AFC West has never been more challenging. The Chiefs have to go through Justin Herbert and the Chargers, Wilson and the Broncos and Derek Carr and the Raiders.

Meanwhile, don’t count out the Bengals. They have to avoid the hangover that often plagues teams coming off a loss in the Super Bowl. If a retooled offensive line protects Joe Burrow, who was the most-sacked quarterback in the league last year, Cincinnati should be in the mix.

Eighteen weeks, 272 games and then playoffs.

Let’s go.

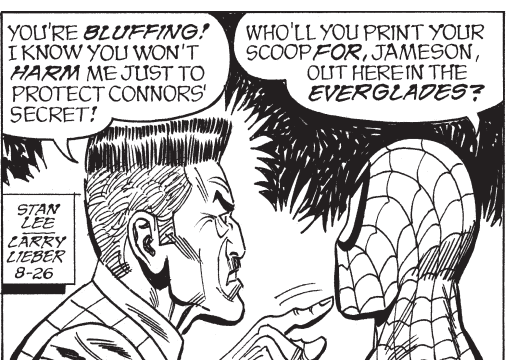
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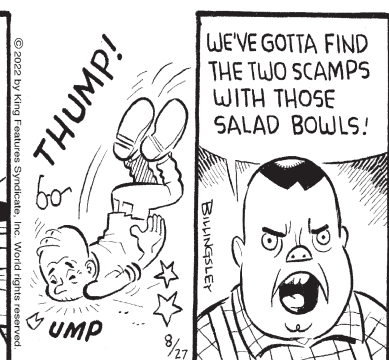
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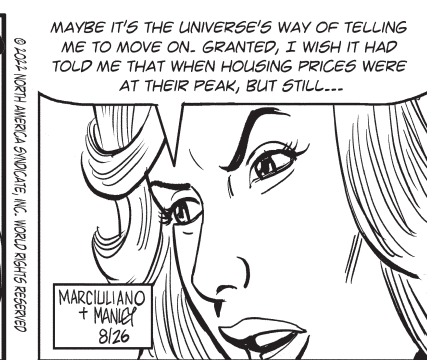
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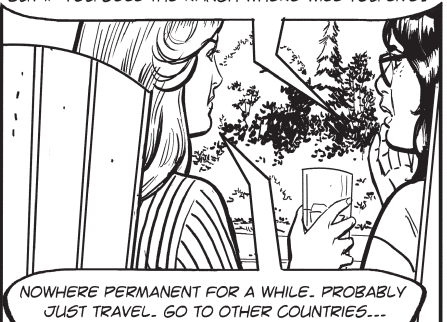
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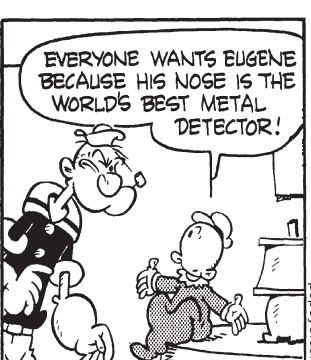
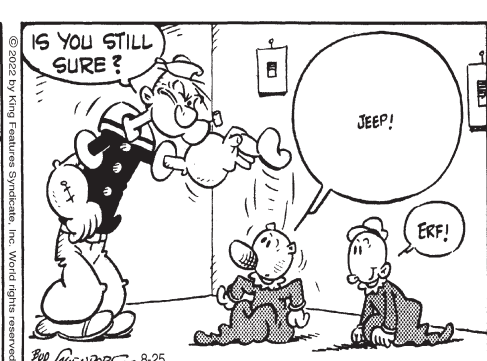
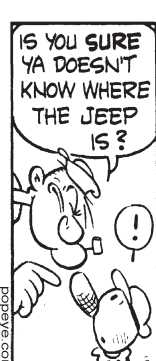
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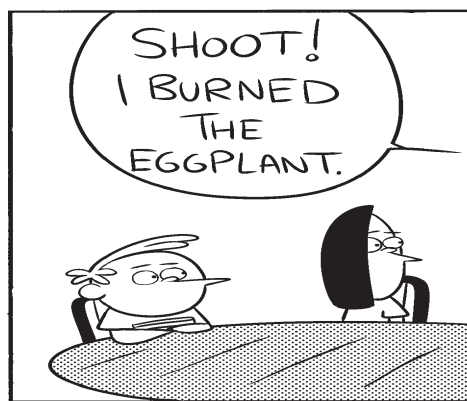


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## CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to water quality. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = E)

- A. 12 20 3 10 6 21**  
Clue: Removes impurities
- B. 16 4 15 21 18 10 6**  
Clue: Absorb water
- C. 21 6 14 6 21 17 24 20 21**  
Clue: Used as a water supply
- D. 22 20 22 6 14**  
Clue: Carry water

**Here's How It Works:**

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

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9	6	3	5	2	4	8	7	1
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ANSWER:

Answers: A. filter B. hydrate C. reservoir D. pipes



**CLASS 1**  
**Model Pleasure Walking Mares**  
 Catherine Zeta-Jones, handler Robert Nelms for Ed Lukacevic, Crittendon, Kentucky.



**CLASS 2**  
**Owner-Amateur English Trail Pleasure**  
 Blacklist, owner-rider Sherry Kessler of Mount Juliet.



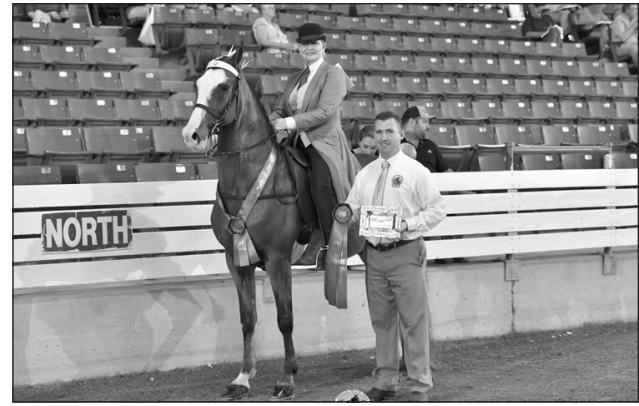
**CLASS 3**  
**Owner-Amateur Riders on English Lite Shod Walking Horses**  
 Roscoe Jenkins, owner-rider Susan Coleman of Unionville.



**CLASS 4**  
**Auxiliary Equitation Medal Class, Riders 12-14**  
 Rider John Garrett Burton of Bowling Green, Kentucky.



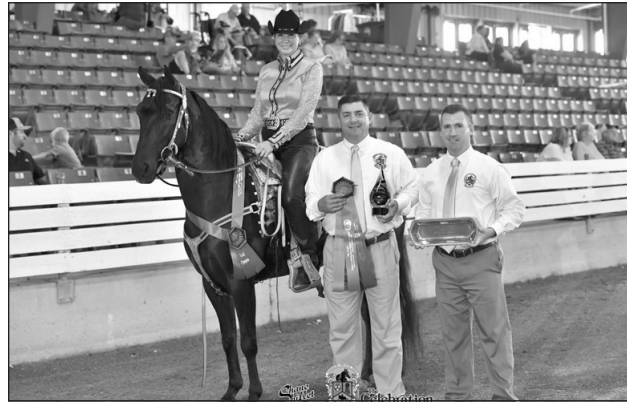
**CLASS 5**  
**Owner-Amateur English Country Pleasure**  
 GiGi's Majestic, rider Elyse Bradford for William Bradford Family of Dallas, Texas.



**CLASS 6**  
**Elite Owner-Amateur Park Pleasure**  
 Custom Chrome JB, rider Jill Upchurch for Savannah Upchurch of Monticello, Kentucky.



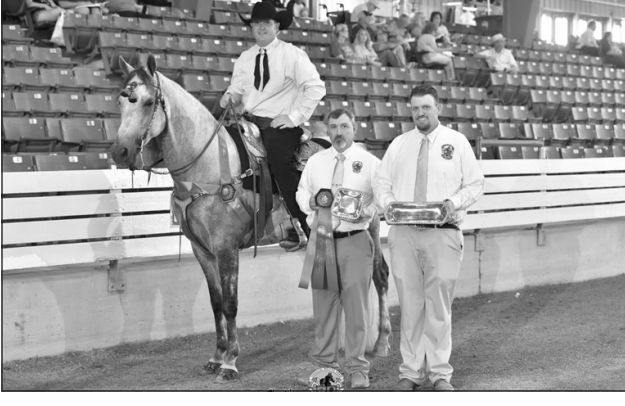
**CLASS 7**  
**Owner-Amateur Four-Year-Old Trail Pleasure**  
 Jose's Twist Of Gin, rider Patti Pollack.



**CLASS 8**  
**Owner-Amateur Five-Year-Old Trail Pleasure**  
 King Mojo, rider Kathy Anderson of College Grove.



**CLASS 9**  
**Five & Under Park Pleasure**  
 My Maserati Alfieri, rider Chris Zahnd for Karen Bean of Tomball, Texas.



**CLASS 10**  
**Owner-Amateur All Day Pleasure**  
 IB Smokin Joe, rider Joel Johnson for Tanner and Tucker Johnson of Shelbyville.



**CLASS 11**  
**Auxiliary Equitation Model Class, Riders 15-17**  
 Rider Riley Gregory of Franklin, Kentucky.



**CLASS 12**  
**Weanling Colts National Futurity**  
 A Code Blue, handler Amanda Wright for The George Wright Family of Mount Juliet.



**CLASS 13**  
**Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Trail Pleasure Walking Horses**  
 Jordan Howell, rider, for South Ridge Farms and the Jordan Howell family of Murfreesboro.



**CLASS 14**  
**Weanling Fillies National Futurity**  
 Charlene Darling, Robert Nelms riding for Teel and Washburn of Fayetteville.



**CLASS 15**  
**Western Park Pleasure Walking Horses**  
 Papacito, rider Chris Zahnd for owner Karen Bean of Tomball, Texas.



**CLASS 16**  
**Yearling Fillies National Futurity**  
 My Hopes and Dreams, rider Amanda Wright for the George Wright family of Mount Juliet.



**CLASS 17**  
**Flat Shod Walking Horses**  
 Checkpoint Charlie SF, rider Jared Carrier for owners Tamara Hader, Jared Carrier and Harper Grider.



**CLASS 18**  
**Owner-Amateur Riders on Two & Three-Year-Old All Day Pleasure Walking Horses**  
 Honors Valentine, rider Jackie Dean for owner Mariella Fugger of Perry, Georgia.



**CLASS 19**  
**Amateur Owned & Trained Country Pleasure Walking Horses**  
 Hey Charlene, rider Amanda Manis for owners Holt and Manis of Shelbyville and Naples, Florida.



**CLASS 20**  
**Yearling Colts National Futurity**  
 Tee Martin, handler Robert Nelms for owners Teel, Pittman and Washburn of Fayetteville and Shelbyville.



**CLASS 21**  
**Two-Year-Old Lite-Shod Walking Horses**  
 Kiss This Girl, rider Jonathan Baskin for owner Nic Linder of Smithville.

Celebration photos by Shane Shifflet

**RESULTS**

**WEDNESDAY AM RESULTS**

**MODEL MARES**  
 1. CATHERINE ZETA JONES, Robert Nelms for Ed Lukacevic; 2. MYSTIC JAZZ, Laurie Toone for Rushing Creek Walkers; 3. SHES WALKIN ON FIRE, Claire Hankins for Bruce Vaughn; 4. MISS JAZZ QUEEN, Leighanne Tibbs for Austin/Dalton Tibbs; 5. I LIKE PINA COLADAS, Bill Bobo for Harbin/Burrill; 6. JUKE JOINT JUDY W, Erin Cabe Webb O/E; 7. FIFTEEN STARS BEHIND ME, Kimberly McPeak for Rushing Creek Walkers

**OWNER AMATEUR ENGLISH TRAIL PLEASURE**  
 1. BLACKLIST, Sherry Kessler O/E; 2. SELF MADE MONEY, Jack Pirkle O/E; 3. JESSES GRAND MUCHACHA, Allison Thorson Newman O/E; 4. A RAIN DELAY, Deborah Dill for William/Deborah Dill; 5. IM THUNDERSTRUCK NDR, Debbie Simons for Wayne/Debbie Simons; 6. BLOWN AWAY, Mary Morton O/E; 7. PARANOIA, Wayne Westbrook O/E; 8. A BIT ROWDY, Eli Murphy for Duval/Murphy; 9. RETRIBUTION, Garold Ross for Garold/Julie Ross

**OWNER AMATEUR ENGLISH LITE SHOD**  
 1. ROSCOE JENKINS, Susan Coleman O/E; 2. MOONSHINE AT MIDNIGHT, Darden Gladney for Gladney Farms; 3. TWO GUNNS LLC, Blake Cammack for Champion Stables; 4. SHES CHARLIES GIRL, Anne Evans O/E; 5. IM MAJESTIC, Karen Baum O/E; 6. BAYMAX B, Natalie Curry for Doug Curry

**AUXILIARY EQUITATION MEDAL CLASS 12-14**  
 1. JOHN GARRETT BURTON, n/a O/E; 2. KATE COWAN, n/a O/E  
**OWNER AMATEUR ENGLISH COUNTRY PLEASURE**  
 1. GI GIS MAJESTIC, Elyse Bradford for William Bradford; 2. LINE ITEM VETO, Rachel Teague for Bo/Rachel Teague; 3. GRANTED PAROLE, Keith Johnson O/E; 4. A MAJOR JOSE, Cameron Williford for Williford/Sims; 5. SHES NEVER BEEN KISSED, Sherri Pollack for S&P LLC; 6. LEGEND OF ZELDA, B J Campbell-Frank O/E; 7. BUCKLE BUNNY, Dale Steinmetz O/E; 8. BIG TIME CHARLIE, John Gladney for Dr John Gladney

**OWNER AMATEUR ELITE PARK PLEASURE**  
 1. CUSTOM CHROME JB, Jill Upchurch for Savannah Upchurch; 2. BOSTON BAY, Nancy Evans for Anne Evans; 3. JESSES NO COUNTING ME OUT, John Gladney for Gladney Farms; 4. MIDNIGHT IN MEXICO,

Jim Heiting for Jim/Cindy Heiting  
**OWNER AMATEUR FOUR YEAR OLD TRAIL PLEASURE**

1. JESSES TWIST OF GIN, Patti Pollack for S&P LLC; 2. SHAMELESS SF, Jordan Howell for Howell/Cortner; 3. INTO THE BADLANDS, Chad Spencer for Chad/Scarlet Spence; 4. CAPISTRANO, Kimberly Walden O/E; 5. WHOS YOUR DADDY DH, John Gladney for Dr John Gladney; 6. CAPELLA, Mariah Hubbard O/E; 7. JEALOUSY, Dr Carol Lamberson for Carol Lamberson/Mike Wallace

**OWNER AMATEUR FIVE YEAR OLD TRAIL PLEASURE**  
 1. KING MOJO, Kathy Anderson O/E; 2. LADY JAMES, Darren Gray O/E; 3. DADDYS HOME DH, Debbie Simons for The Simons Family; 4. SCANDALOUS KK, Dr Linda Jones O/E; 5. RESURGENCE, Sarah Beth Thomas O/E; 6. IM GUNS N ROSES, Andy Stooksberry for Stooksberry/Sells  
**PARK PLEASURE FIVE & UNDER**  
 1. MY MASERATI ALFIERI, Chris Zahnd for Karen Bean; 2. A STORMY NIGHT IN DIXIE, Laurie Toone for Brandon Tate; 3. CHROME CURB APPEAL, Ryan Gannon for Rushing/Parks; 4. LATE NIGHT AT THE RITZ, Howard Hamilton for Lisa Baum; 5. JUST JOSE IT, Jonathan Baskin for Kim Leonard; 6. BARCELONA LINEMAN, Patrick Thomas for Gary/Carolyn Pope; 7. FLASHY AND I KNOW IT, Amber Zahnd for Kent McGary; 8. POISONS GOLD LADY, Jimmy Norris for Joey Manos; 9. BORN READY, Macy Woody for Hensley Hammond; 10. COMMANDER NUMBER NINE, Tyler Smith for Brandon Tate

**OWNER AMATEUR ALL DAY PLEASURE**  
 1. IB SMOKIN JOE, Joel Johnson for Tanner/Tucker Johnson; 2. MISS BELLE STARR W, Dr Brittany Baum for Jacob/Brittany Baum; 3. PETAL PUSHIN JAZZ, Lauren Hamilton O/E; 4. N V Cindy Long O/E; 5. MISS WICKED FELEENA, Kathy Anderson O/E; 6. SOMETHIN JAZZY, Kaitlyn Rippy for Andy Rippy; 7. SHES DIVINE, Lynn Marchetti O/E; 8. A PURPLE REIGN, Kelly Querrey for Degville/Querrey; 9. GI GIS BELLE STARR, Robyn Parsons O/E; 10. BLUE GIN DELIGHT, Jenny Trainor O/E  
**AUXILIARY EQUITATION MEDAL CLASS 15-17 (CANTER)**  
 1. RILEY GREGORY, n/a O/E

**WEDNESDAY PM RESULTS**  
**NATIONAL FUTURITY WEANLING COLTS/ WHTA RIDERS CUP**  
 1. A CODE BLUE, Amanda Wright for Dr. George Wright Family; 2. HERE COMES CHARLIE, Robert Nelms for Lisa Teel; 3.



**CLASS 22**  
**Three-Year-Old Trail Pleasure Walking Horses**  
 The Tiger Lily, rider Hannah Myatt for owners South Ridge Farms and the Jordan Howell family of Murfreesboro.

FIRE M UP CHARLIE, Claire Hankins for Bruce Vaughn; 4. WITCH WAY BUT LOOSE, Lynn Womack for Jones/Richards; 5. THE MARK OF ZORRO, Keith Reed for Michael Chandler; 6. I AM LUTHER JAMES, Jaron Dotson for Jesse Dotson Jr; 7. BROADWAY MIRACLE, Marty Warren for Steve/Denise Smith; 8. I AM FRIDAY, Jackson Latham for Boyd Melton; 9. PHANTOM OF THE COVE, Russ Keyser for Terry Smith; 10. WC HANDY, Chase Williams for Char Johnson  
**OWNER AMATEUR TRAIL PLEASURE TWO YEAR OLDS**  
 1. IMAGINE DRAGONS, Jordan Howell for Jordan Howell/South Ridge Farms; 2. SHES VENOMOUS, Kelly Querrey O/E; 3. FENDI, Patti Pollack for S&P LLC; 4. DOWN POUR, Bonny Carrier O/E; 5. SHADY AND BLACK, Rachel DeKleyn for Harris/Woodard; 6. EVERYTHING GOOD, Amanda Wright for Dr. George Wright Family; 7. TESORINO, Rachel Teague for Harry Hicklin; 8. DIVA BY DADDY, Amanda Manis for Robbins/Manis; 9. SHES KADILLAC KATE, Lore Patterson for Patterson Family; 10. JOLLY BE GOOD, Keely McGee for Isaac/Keely McGee

**NATIONAL FUTURITY WEANLING FILLIES**  
 1. CHARLENE DARLING, Robert Nelms for Teel/Washburn; 2. LA DIAMANTE, Karen Harden for Dale Steinmetz; 3. LADY OMAVOL, Rachel Dorris for Ricky/Lisa Atnip; 4. ME AND MRS HONORS, Lynn

Womack for Jones/Richards; 5. JESSES SUGA MAMA, Jesse Dotson III for Jesse Dotson Jr; 6. MISS SASSYPANTS, Jaron Dotson for James/Rhonda Hatch; 7. TIME FOR GIN AGAIN, Ronald Morton for Mariella Fugger; 8. JOSEPHINES TIME, Russ Keyser for Terry Smith; 9. HALLELUJAH JOSE, Sarah Wilkinson Buchmann for Sarah Wilkinson Buchman; 10. LHBS JAILBIRD, Dr Steve Powers O/E  
**PARK PLEASURE WESTERN**  
 1. PAPACITO, Chris Zahnd for Karen Bean; 2. A TITILEST MASTERPIECE, Patrick Thomas for Champion Stables; 3. ARMED BUT KID N, Jeff Laughlin for Sister Milligan  
**NATIONAL FUTURITY YEARLING FILLIES**  
 1. MY HOPES AND DREAMS, Amanda Wright for Dr. George Wright Family; 2. A THOUSAND WISHES, Leighanne Tibbs for Leslie Collins; 3. SHES GINS BLACK ONYX, Robert Nelms for Tommy/Nancy Mills; 4. DANCIN WITH MY DARLIN, Lynn Womack for Richards/Jones; 5. GINGER SNAP COOKIE, Marty Warren for Denise Smith; 6. SHES PITCH PERFECT, Joey Manos for Billy Knight; 7. LADY SERENA WILLIAMS, Jaron Dotson for Dotson Brothers; 8. STAY IN YOUR LANE, Chris Hazelwood for Jacoby Farm  
**OWNER AMATEUR FLAT SHOD**  
 1. CHECKPOINT CHARLIE SF, Jared Carrier for Hader/Grider/Carrier; 2. AUSTRALIAN GOLD, Allison Thorson Newman O/E;



**CLASS 23**  
**English Lite-Shod Walking Horses**  
 Moonshine At Midnight, rider Patrick Thomas for Gladney Farms of Homer, Louisiana.

3. GI GIS LUNCH MONEY, Maddie Grace McMorrow for Vaughn/McMorrow; 4. OUR SWEET CAROLINE, Jean Marie Degville for Ted/Jean Marie Degville  
**OWNER AMATEUR TWO & THREE YEAR OLD ALL DAY PLEASURE**  
 1. HONORS VALENTINE, Jackie Dean for Mariella Fugger; 2. LIGHT UP THE KNIGHT, Jennifer Bingham for Carter/Bingham; 3. MR FAHRENHEIT, Lauren Hamilton O/E; 4. OVERKNIGHT SUCCESS, Taylor Harvey for Kelli Harvey; 5. BLURRED LINES CDK, Freda Dean for Dean/Lewis; 6. OUTRAGEOUS, Maggie Moore for Leek/Moore; 7. SECRET SOUL SISTA, Emily Woodruff for McGovern/Woodruff; 8. TEMPTED, Kaitlyn Rippy for Insell/Rippy; 9. HOLY GUACAMOLE, Julie Carlson for Langley/Laura Gilliam; 10. LA BELLA, Donna Hill O/E  
**COUNTRY PLEASURE**  
 1. HEY CHARLENE, Amanda Manis for Holt/Manis; 2. SUIZA, Allison Thorson Newman O/E; 3. DIAMOND AT THE RITZ, Kimberly Walden for Walden/Smith; 4. BUCK NAKED C, Jared Carrier for Bonny Carrier; 5. LEGADO, Philip Gilliam for Philip/Laura Gilliam; 6. LADY LEGACY, Skyler Stone for Stone/Daughterly; 7. DR HAWKEYE PIERCE, Chris Coats for Chris/Laurie Coats; 8. YOUVE GOT TIME, Stephanie Richardson O/E  
**NATIONAL FUTURITY YEARLING COLTS**

1. TEE MARTIN, Robert Nelms for Teel/Washburn/Pittman; 2. CHURCHILL DOWNS, Bobby LeCompt for Ella Kline  
**LITE SHOD TWO YEAR OLD**  
 1. KISS THIS GIRL, Johnathan Baskin for Nic Linder; 2. TOPLESS, Laurie Toone for Hunter Morgan; 3. CHARLIES STYLISH MISS, Russ Keyser for Keyser/Ashbrook  
**TRAIL PLEASURE THREE YEAR OLD**  
 1. THE TIGER LILY, Hannah Myatt for Jordan Howell/South Ridge Farms; 2. JUST A STEEL MAGNOLIA, Joe Lester for Hutto/Lawrence; 3. ITS MACHINE GUN KELLY, Jessica Mast for Scott/Renee Stasiewicz; 4. PEAKY BLINDERS, Bailey Momb for Reichard/Younger; 5. ELENA DE LA VEGA, David Mast for Debbie Simons; 6. MARTHA DIVINE, Josh Patterson for Lore Patterson; 7. BY THE GRACE, Laurie Toone for Jared Carrier  
**LITE SHOD ENGLISH**  
 1. MOONSHINE AT MIDNIGHT, Patrick Thomas for Gladney Farms; 2. SHES CHARLIES GIRL, Chris Zahnd for Anne Evans; 3. COACHMAN, Jonathan Baskin for Champion Stables; 4. ITS GAMETIME, Amber Zahnd for Lori Fields; 5. HELLO IM JOHNNY CASH, Savannah Clark for Stephanie Davidson; 6. I LIKE PINA COLADAS, Bill Bobo for Harbin/Burrill  
 7. THE RED FALCON, Jamey Thompson for Joyce Hofstee

**MORNING CLASSES KICK OFF CELEBRATION**



**CELEBRATION OPENS**

Entries line up in Calsonic Arena for the Amateur Rider English Park Pleasure class on Wednesday morning.

T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard



**WARM UP RING**  
 Horses get a warm up Wednesday morning at the Celebration grounds.

**TWO TYPES HORSEPOWER**



Exactly which mode of horsepower is preferred is open.





### Smoked Chuck Beef Ribs

Recipe courtesy of Jess Pryles on behalf of Beef Loving Texans  
Cook time: 10 hours, 30 minutes  
Servings: 8

- 1 slab beef chuck short ribs (about 4 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons coarse black pepper
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 cup water

Preheat smoker or pellet grill to 275 F.

Pat ribs dry with paper towel; remove moisture on surface.

Combine salt and pepper. Rub beef ribs well on all sides and ends with seasoning, coating generously.

Place ribs in smoker and close lid. Cook 5-6 hours.

In spray bottle, combine cider vinegar and water. Lightly spritz ribs every 30 minutes for first 4 hours of cooking.

Ribs are ready when completely probe tender. If parts still feel tough, continue cooking.

Once completely tender, remove ribs from smoker then wrap tightly in butcher's paper and place in small cooler to rest 30 minutes.

To serve, slice ribs between bones.



# Cook Like a Pitmaster from the Comforts of Home

#### FAMILY FEATURES

For home chefs looking to take their cooking skills to the next level, it all starts with a little inspiration and a few new skills. Turn family meals into extravagant adventures, take backyard barbecues to new heights and impress friends and neighbors with pitmaster-worthy recipes.

In fact, it can be as easy as turning on the TV. From beef ribs and barbacoa to curried brisket rice and pho rub beef belly spring rolls, viewers are in for a treat by tuning into season 3 of "BBQuest: Beyond the Pit," a video series that dives into the long-held traditions, new flavors and everyday inspiration that make Texas barbecue legendary.

The show follows four themes that capture the essence of Texas barbecue: legacy and tradition; creativity and innovation; Texas trailblazers; and family and community.

You can bring barbecue flavors home and cook like a pitmaster with dishes recreated from the series and developed by "Hardcore Carnivore" cookbook author Jess Pryles, including Smoked Chuck Beef Ribs, Grilled Jalapeno Cheddar Meatballs and Szechuan Skirt Steak with Crispy Rice.

"Since launching BBQuest four years ago, it's truly remarkable to see how much has changed and yet stayed the same when it comes to Texas barbecue, and that's exactly what you see in season 3," said Rachel Chou, Texas Beef Council's director of consumer marketing. "There has been so much exciting innovation around cooking methods and international flavors while there's still a huge dedication to long-held recipes and smoking techniques."

Learn more about the show and find inspiration to bring the taste of barbecue to your kitchen at [BeefLovingTexans.com](http://BeefLovingTexans.com).

### Grilled Jalapeno Cheddar Meatballs

Recipe courtesy of Jess Pryles on behalf of Beef Loving Texans

Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Servings: 15

- 1/2 cup tortilla chips, crushed
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 3 fresh jalapenos, seeded and finely diced
- 1 block (8 ounces) cheddar cheese, finely diced
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt

Place crushed tortilla chips in large bowl. Add milk and allow chips to soften about 10 minutes.

After milk is absorbed, add beef, jalapenos, cheese, paprika, garlic and salt. Mix well to combine then scoop approximately 1/3-1/2 cup of mixture to form meatball; repeat with remaining mixture.

Place meatballs on plate or tray and refrigerate 30 minutes to firm.

Heat grill to medium for two zone cooking. Place meatballs on indirect heat side of grill away from coals or lit burner; close lid. Grill 25-35 minutes, or until meatballs reach 165 F internal temperature on meat thermometer.

Remove meatballs from grill and cool slightly before serving.



Grilled Jalapeno Cheddar Meatballs



Szechuan Skirt Steak with Crispy Rice

### Szechuan Skirt Steak with Crispy Rice

Recipe courtesy of Jess Pryles on behalf of Beef Loving Texans

Total time: 35 minutes

Servings: 2

- 2 teaspoons Szechuan peppercorns
- 1 teaspoon five spice powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 skirt steak or bavette steak (about 1 pound)
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil, divided
- 2 teaspoons milk or cream
- 2 cups cooked white rice
- sesame seeds (optional)
- scallions, thinly sliced (optional)
- cucumber, sliced (optional)
- cilantro leaves (optional)

In skillet over low heat, toast peppercorns until fragrant, swirling in pan to keep from burning, about 2 minutes. Allow peppercorns to cool slightly then add to spice grinder or mortar and pestle with five spice and salt. Crush until fine powder forms.

Pat skirt steak with paper towel to remove moisture then season well with Szechuan salt on both sides.

Place skillet over high heat then add 1 tablespoon oil. When skillet is hot, add skirt steak and cook 5 minutes per side for medium-rare or medium doneness (135-150 F), turning occasionally. Remove steak from skillet then tent with foil to rest 3 minutes. Temperature will rise about 10-15 F to reach 145 F for medium-rare; 160 F for medium.

Lower heat to medium-high then add remaining oil and milk or cream. Add rice, pressing down gently with large spoon to form large, flat disc covering entire base of pan. Season with Szechuan salt, if desired, then lower heat to medium and cook 10 minutes until grains begin to turn brown and become crisp on bottom. Break up rice in pan to mix soft and crispy grains.

Slice skirt steak across grain.

To serve, place rice in two bowls. Layer with sliced skirt steak. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and chopped scallions then place cucumber and cilantro on top, if desired.

# Cascade FFA members attend development meeting

On Aug 23, four Cascade FFA members, Kimber Cook, Dakota Simpson, Laurel Cox, and Madison Wilson were invited to attend the policy development meeting with Farm Bureau in Manchester. At the meeting, FFA members had the opportunity to listen to upcoming policies and issues that Farm Bureau will be working on to help protect Tennessee agriculture. The FFA members also had the opportunity to visit with the Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Hatcher.



Cascade FFA members recently attending a Farm Bureau meeting in Manchester, were, from left, Dakota Simpson, Kimber Cook (Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Hatcher), Laurel Cox and Madison Wilson.

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## Americans could see their student loans reduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 40 million Americans could see their student loan debt reduced — and in many cases eliminated — under the long-awaited forgiveness plan President Joe Biden announced Wednesday, a historic but politically divisive move in the run-up to the midterm elections.

Fulfilling a campaign promise, Biden is erasing \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for those with incomes below \$125,000 a year, or households that earn less than \$250,000. He's canceling an additional \$10,000 for those who received federal Pell Grants to attend college.

It's seen as an unprecedented attempt to stem the tide of America's rapidly rising student debt, but it doesn't address the broader issue — the high cost of college.

Republicans quickly denounced the plan as an insult to Americans who have repaid their debt and to those who didn't attend college. Critics across the political spectrum also questioned whether Biden has authority for the move, and legal challenges are virtually certain.

Biden also extended a pause on federal student loan payments for what he called the "final time." The pause is now set to run through the end of the year, with repayments to restart in January.

"Both of these targeted actions are for families who need it the most: working and middle class people hit especially hard during the pandemic," Biden said at the White House Wednesday afternoon.

The cancellation applies to federal student loans used to attend undergraduate and graduate school, along with Parent Plus loans. Current college students qualify if their loans were issued before July 1. For dependent students, their parents' household income must be below \$250,000.



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