



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Price of a human life: \$1,600

Girl safe, suspect arrested in trafficking case

By DAVID MELSON
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 A 17-year-old-girl from Guatemala smuggled into Shelbyville to serve as a human trafficker's "wife" is safe today. The suspect was captured by Shelbyville police Tuesday with help from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Street, was charged Tuesday with human trafficking and trafficking for commercial sex acts, Detective Nathan Everhart of the Shelbyville Police Department said. Sebastian is being held on \$500,000 bond at Bedford County Jail.
 The girl has been placed in a foster home by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and is



Sebastian in that agency's custody.
 "She is in good hands,"

Everhart said. Sebastian allegedly electronically transferred money to have a so-called "mule" smuggle the girl through the Cartel through Mexico, Everhart said.
 The girl crossed the border to Arizona where she was quickly captured by United States customs and immigration authorities. That was part of the plan, Everhart said.

Immigration rules prevent minors from being deported back to their home countries. They are allowed to settle in the U.S. if sponsors can be found.
 "Sebastian had a Shelbyville couple falsely claim to be her aunt and uncle and apply to be the girl's sponsors," Everhart said. The application was accepted.
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Wartrace expects good turnout for mayoral race

By ZOË WATKINS
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The town of Wartrace residents are looking at a potentially tight race between two mayoral candidates. The mayoral race is the only one with some competition between candidates. Current Wartrace aldermen Brian Ross and Allan Tabit are both looking to clean up and develop downtown as well as tackle some tough water issues.
 Ross said he decided to step up and run for mayor when other aldermen, at the time, didn't express interest. "I want to make sure our town looks good. I want to make sure our businesses are thriving, and that we as the town can support residents," he said.

Raised in Fairview, Ross has lived in Wartrace for 5 years and served as public works chair for over 4. By profession, he's a tech coordinator. "Our current staff is outstanding in professional, but one thing I want to bring is process improvement and project management."
 He added, "I'm not a politician. I don't declare a side. There's enough divisiveness in our country; I'm not going to divide our town . . . I want to be more personable rather than a politician."

The population of Wartrace is around 680. Within the last aldermen election, Ross said out of the four aldermen candidates, the top candidate received almost 200 votes (with voters voting for three candidates) out of a potential 300 registered voters. Ross said he hopes to see high numbers like this again.

Tabit added that he'd like to those numbers change. "Get these people realizing, you've got to support the community."

And they probably will this election as many residents are opposing rising water costs.

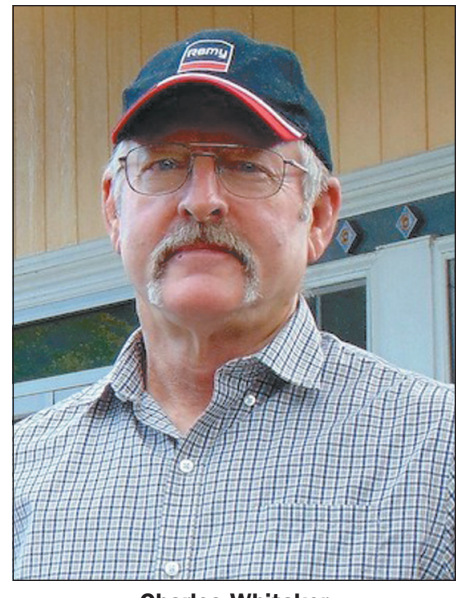
"The current theme is water," said Ross. "Our current mayor, Cindy Drake, has done an outstanding job maintaining our system and we just need to continue that. We want to find the perfect balance between cost for the residents and maintenance."

Tabit, who is finishing up his first term as alderman, said he decided to take the "jump" for mayor. "I'm not afraid to speak up."

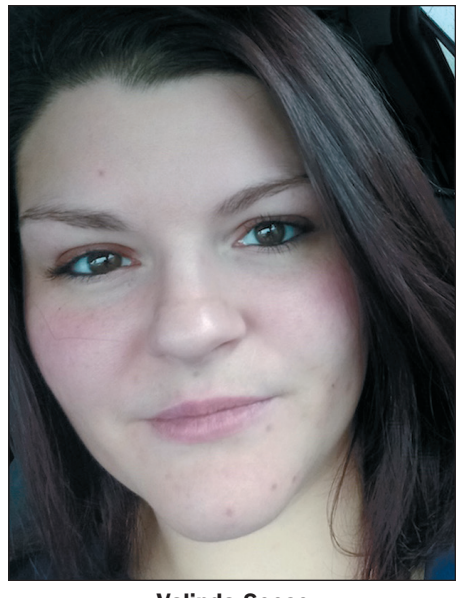
In addition to addressing the water issue, Tabit said he hopes to tackle other everyday issues, like bringing back garbage pick-up (which was taken down since the current administration said they no longer had the funds to carry it out.)

Tabit also wants to help with attracting business

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Charles Whitaker



Valinda Seese

Candidates set goals in Normandy election

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Election candidates running for the mayoral and aldermen positions in Wartrace and Normandy have similar hopes to clean up the small cities and increase communication between the municipality and its residents.

The Nov. 8 general election ballot includes the towns of Wartrace and Normandy, in addition to the Shelbyville Municipal election.

Normandy Mayor Charles Whitaker is running for his second term. With no opposition, he's an automatic shoe-in.

And even though he had no earlier intentions of running again, Whitaker said he was willing to run again when no other candidate was able to campaign. Now, he looks forward to finishing many of the projects he started in his first term.

"The biggest thing, from my point of view, is to complete some of the things we've already started," he said. "My main goals were to keep the momentum of things we were fixing to do and have gotten done and try to get some things finished."

For example, the little hamlet town

didn't have a city hall until last year. Now, they are using what was known as the old "Schmiede Building," which was renovated through the owner's investment and a lot of volunteer work. Whitaker said they also wanted to make sure they could maintain their post office by extending their lease for another 5 years.

In his upcoming term, Whitaker said he would like to "correct" any problems with the audits and budget going through to the state. "Just making sure the budget goes through and that our financial information is turned in on a timely basis," he said.

Whitaker said he also hopes to continue restoring and preserving Normandy. The "clean up" is an issue many residents in Normandy want addressed. "We have several things happening that we seem to have turned the corner on, like getting places that are derelict cleaned up," he said.

Whitaker said the owners of the pavilion next to town hall, which was falling down, have agreed to a lease with the town and are doing ongoing

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Zayden's surprise

Local/3A



Halloween sights

Life & Leisure/1B



Playoff thoughts

Siers column/1C



LANDIS RESIGNS

School Photo
 Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett has announced the resignation of Southside Elementary Principal Stefanie Landis. "Dr. Landis has decided that she wishes to pursue other interests," said Garrett. "We appreciate her time . . . service to the staff and students at Southside Elementary." She thanked her for that service in her statement this week. Landis was appointed in 2021 and had served 4 years prior as assistant principal. Southside Assistant Principal, Lindsay Cole, will serve as interim principal and instructional coach, Melynda Whitaker, will serve as interim assistant principal.

WALKING 'MIRACLE'



Zayden Bomar got the chance to spend some time recently with some of his heroes, Wartrace firemen. Shown with the little boy, who suffered an accident on his family mower in July, are fire chief Mike De Jesus and volunteers Duane Drake and Ike Eichelberger. See page 3 today for Hayden's story and more photos.

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OBITUARIES

V. Ray Crouse

October 30, 2022

V. Ray Crouse went to be with our Lord on Sunday, October 30, 2022.

Funeral services were held Thursday, November 3, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Bobby McGee officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Ray was born in Canebrake, West Virginia to Lewis M.

Crouse and Ola Virginia Wade Crouse. As a teen he moved with his family to Plant City, Florida, where he graduated PCHS, followed by joining the Marine Corps and was stationed on the U.S.S. Mississippi. He was honorably discharged and continued his education at North Carolina State University receiving his BS degree in mechanical engineering. His first employer was Uniroyal, Inc. in Shelbyville, transferring after 22 years to Uniroyal, Inc. in Winnsboro, S.C. He later moved his family back to Shelbyville and retired as Plant Engineer with George Dickel in Normandy.

He is survived by his wife, Carol McLean Crouse; children, Virginia (Fred) Caldwell of Cartersville, Georgia, Wade Crouse (Debbie Christie) of Estill Springs, Charley (Kate) Crouse of Knoxville, Stephanie Randolph and Josh Crouse of Shelbyville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Eunice Moore of Tampa, Florida; and a brother, Lewis Crouse Jr. of Plant City. Ray was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Paul, Allen, Benny and Dale Crouse.

Ray loved to play golf as often as the weather permitted and sometimes when it didn't. He was featured in newspapers and TV for his outstanding putting skills and occasional long drives in his out-of-town business tournaments. He outlived most of his regular golfing buddies but continued playing by himself as he preferred to tee off early in the mornings. He also never turned down a fishing trip.

Ray loved God, his family and his country. He was of the Baptist faith and a devout Christian who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

In lieu of flowers, Ray would appreciate donations be made to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots, <https://www.toysfortots.org>, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

“Semper Fi”



Raymond Duran Shavers

November 1, 2022

Funeral services for Raymond Duran Shavers, age 75, of Shelbyville will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Fair Haven Baptist Church with Pastors Peter Allen and Mike Lovvorn officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Duran passed from this life Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital.

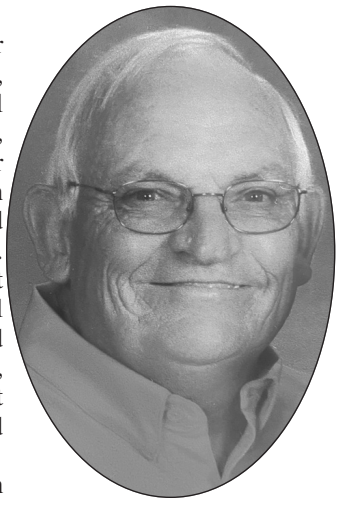
Born July 8, 1947, in Lewisburg, Duran was the son of the late Lee Archie and Alice Wilson Shavers. Along with his parents he is preceded in death by his son, Chance Shavers; and step-mother, Frances Bingham Shavers.

Duran was a 1966 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and attended MTSU. He worked as a Revenue Enforcement Officer for the state of Tennessee, having retired after 38 years of service. He was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher, and was a 48-year member of the Optimist Club where he served in many positions from secretary to president. He was also a 50+ year member of the Boy Scouts, serving as a Scout Leader, Eagle Scout, and receiving the Good Shepard Award. He was an elementary substitute teacher for 8 years with the Bedford County School System. In his free time he was an avid fisherman, hunter and he enjoyed driving his Jeep.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Patricia Swing Shavers; children, Dreonn (Chris) Sintic and Bubba (Mary Leta) Shavers; and grandchildren, Mary-Alice Shavers, Kathleen Sintic and Mason Shavers, all of Shelbyville.

Memorial donations may be made in Duran's name to a charity of Choice.

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



Hershel Ivan Maurer

October 30, 2022

Mr. Hershel Ivan Maurer, age 84, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, October 30, 2022, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus.

A Celebration of Life Service, with military honors, was held Friday, November 4, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Jeremy Smith officiated.

He was born February 27, 1938, in Carmi, Illinois, to the late Hershel Ivan Maurer and Vina Sturm Maurer. A veteran of the United States Navy, he worked in federal aviation as a flight controller for 31 years. He was a pilot and flight instructor. He held membership at Midland Heights Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Josie Maurer, in 2019; a sister, Barbara Rice, and a brother, Keith Maurer.

Survivors include two daughters, Jane M. Stierwalt, of Shelbyville, and Karen R. Marstein, of Arizona; grandchildren, Drew Stierwalt and his wife Jess, Kurt Mathews, Anna Mathews, Nikola Mathews, and Daniel Marstein, II and his wife, Alicia Peters; great-grandchildren, Matthew Hafey, Elyott Hafey, Victoria Hafey, Taylor Stierwalt, Garen Mathews, Melanthe Marstein, and Asterin Marstein.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Patricia Driver Gregory

November 1, 2022

Funeral services for Patricia Driver Gregory, age 79, of Wartrace, will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Fairfield Church of Christ with Chaplain Jeff Collet officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Gregory passed from this life Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at her home.

A native of Bedford County, Mrs. Patricia was born on December 29, 1942, to the late James Clay and Ethel Eunice Wiser Driver. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by: beloved husband, James Robert Gregory; and daughter, Ronda Colleen Adcock.

Patricia retired from Coey Tannery after many years of employment. For the past few years, she has been heavily involved as a Shaklee distributor. She was a member of Fairfield Church of Christ, and was previously an acting Alderman for the Wartrace City Council for many years. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife and friend.

She is survived by: daughter, Sonia Ann (Edward) Miller of Wartrace; son-in-law, Earl Adcock of Unionville; grandchildren, Kristy (Wade) Campbell of Shelbyville, Kris (Veronica) Adcock of Unionville, Brandon (Sara) Adcock of Unionville and Bradley (Megan) Adcock of Shelbyville; great grandchildren, Justin, Madison, Mia, Kaleb, Izzy, Ben and Harry; along with her favorite family members (her dogs) Buddy & Coco.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center by mail: 111 Jg Helton Dr, Shelbyville, TN 37160

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



Case

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“Customs sent her by American Airlines to the Nashville airport where the couple picked her up,” Everhart said.

“He supposedly wanted therefore a U.S. citizen.

her to serve as his wife. His last wife had left him with two infant children. He wanted the girl to cook and clean his house. She also had to have sex.”

Sebastian is of Guatemalan descent but was born in the United States, Everhart said, and is

“He paid \$1,000 to the mule and still owes her father \$600,” according to Everhart.

The girl's ordeal lasted five days. She'd had enough and told an employee of the Bedford County Health Department of her situation, Everhart said. That employee notified

police. “She had been in the U.S. for less than a month, maybe 14 days at the time of the report,” Everhart said.

The couple who posed as the girl's relatives has not been charged at this time. Everhart said the investigation is continuing.

Normandy

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repairs. “So, we have had what I consider some very substantial success in that area.”

But, he said, “We have a lack of codes and ordinances here and we have trouble with enforcement,” Whitaker added. “One of the biggest things here is the conditions of properties. People are worried about properties near them bringing down their own property.”

The other issue is also getting the streets repaved. “The preservation of the town is one thing, but we also have to preserve the infrastructure to be able to make the other happen,” he said.

Jerry Spivey is an alderman, who is going in as a write-in candidate. “When I spoke with residents of Normandy the biggest issue is the roads, which we applied for a grant to help if we get picked.”

A Normandy native whose family goes back three generations, Spivey said, in addition to cleaning up the city, he wants to “bring back the community in Normandy where we say hello to our neighbors and ask if you're doing okay like we did when my mom lived here.”

He added, “Since I've been an alderman, we have brought in internet, had electrical put in the city park, and secured a town hall/civic center for the residents of Normandy.”

Lastly, he said, are the water issues in Wartrace, which are also affecting Normandy, as they're both on the same water system.

Mayor Whitaker said, “There's a whole lot of acrimony about the cost of water here and it's getting louder. That's something I'm certainly going to have

to deal with.”

Also on the ballot for alderman is Valinda Seese, a stay-at-home mom who began getting involved in the community last spring. “Our community, I feel like, has gone downhill a lot in the last few years. I want to get in there and understand what's going on.”

“Say I have a neighbor who doesn't have running water, and they have kids. I think it's the town's duty to help provide certain resources to help these people,” said Seese.

Talking with residents about issues they see, Seese said, “There's anything from speeding to children living in vehicles to drugs; children not having running water; aggressive dogs that roam the streets.”

She added, “It's become more of people doing what they want to do and they're able to get away with it because we do not have law enforcement.”

She admits tackling all this is a “big task,” but it does push her to become alderman where she can do more than as a civilian.

At the polls, Seese said she finds that most voters just “push the button.” But she said if elected to hopes to push people to care a little bit more. “With how every generation goes, I do think there needs to be younger people getting involved to freshen things up and give new ideas,” she said.

Whitaker said he doesn't foresee this upcoming election having the same turnout as the last election where, out of the two candidates running for aldermen, one attracted 54 votes and the other 53. “When you consider that many votes out of a total pool of about 85 to 87 registered voters in the city limits, that is overwhelming,” he said.

Wartrace

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to the square to bring Wartrace back to where it used to be. “I'm not trying to make Shelbyville or Murfreesboro out of it. I just want to make sure we bring things up to standard, like our water department,” he said.

A retired pipeline engineer for a natural gas company, Tabit moved to Tennessee in 1994 and then to Wartrace in 2005, seeking the quiet of a rural area after living in the hustle and bustle of a city. Tabit also had a home remodeling business in the early 2000s.

Tabit said he would like to see funds—those from the infrastructure state grant Wartrace recently applied for—used strictly for the water department.

Tabit added that he would also like to see communication increased among the community. “With any kind of community, you have people saying things, but they won't show up to a meeting,” he said.

On the other hand, candidates running for aldermen are shoo-ins. But they still are excited to help Wartrace grow as well as help with these water issues.

Shelia LeDere owns the Old Petticoat and Seven on Main, two boutiques in Wartrace's downtown. Growing these businesses has given her a good foundation for wanting to see Wartrace grow.

Though originally from Nashville, LeDere adheres to her family's roots in the surrounding area, like Chapel Hill.

“It comes from a passion to see it grow,” said LeDere. “There's a lot of newcomers in the area...I want to be a part of the growth I see coming because I think it

might be phenomenal.”

But she emphasizes the want to keep Wartrace unique. “I want to preserve the history of the cowboys, the trains, the horses— I love all that and that's what drew me to Wartrace. I think some people have the mindset we're trying to change it but that couldn't be further from the truth.”

“People don't understand what's going on because they don't get involved; they don't come to the town hall meetings, so they're making assumptions. If they come to the meetings, they will see transparency,” she said.

Doing just that—getting involved in the community—is what encouraged Stacy Roach to also run for alderman.

Roach has lived in Bedford County her entire life, living in Wartrace for the past 5 years. After attending several town meetings, Roach said she left with a want to help her town.

“I feel it is important for those in the community to get involved and have an input on what we bring to our town. I love Wartrace and want what's best for our community,” she said. “I always say, ‘you can't complain about it unless you become part of the solution.’”

Roach is project coordinator for Curl Construction & Excavating, LLC. As alderman, she said she hopes to not base decisions on what bigger cities around us are doing. “Yes, every town needs some growth; however, you can't compare our future growth to surrounding counties,” she said.

Talking with residents, with their concerns centered around the water system issues and trash pick-up, Roach added, “I do feel we have a lot of people motivated to vote, which is great!”



Zayden would like to be a fireman one day.



Zayden with Katy Ishee, Toy Convoy parade organizer

T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins

A surprise for Zayden

By **ZOË WATKINS**
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Zayden is a normal, energetic and giggly 5-year-old who dresses up like Batman and wants to be a fireman. But the Wartrace boy has a slight difference: he's missing his right hand, which he lost in a home mowing accident over the summer.

His mother, Angela Arnold, who was with him at the time of the accident, says, "He has no fear. Even the doctors are amazed at how well he's handling all the pain."

The accident happened in September. Zayden was riding on a zero-turn mower, sitting in the floor between his mother's legs. Angela said Zayden started crying because he wanted to go to his sister who was in the yard.

As Angela turned the mower around, she accidentally hit a concrete block, causing Zayden to fall off. The little boy's right hand landed under the blades.

Angela said she acted fast. "I didn't know if he was going to start bleeding out or not."

She said she gripped his wrist so hard her fingers went numb. Angela's two older sons ran across the road to the Wartrace Fire Station for help.

Sadly, Zayden lost all his fingers, except his pinky. He's undergone multiple surgeries and could have more to go, according to Angela. "He's had surgeries every Wednesday this past month. It's a find-out-more-as-you-go



Katy Ishee gives Zayden a big hug.

process."

Though he still has a lot of healing to do, Zayden hasn't required pain medication. As well, his mother said he's already learned how to use his left hand.

On Halloween, Zayden was quite active. When asked how his hand is feeling, Zayden gave a thumbs up.

The Wartrace community has stepped up to support Zayden. There's also a little holiday happiness around the corner.

Parade grand marshal

Zayden has been selected as this year's grand marshal for the 26th Annual Highway 41 Toy Convoy parade, which is planned for Sunday, Nov.

6. He will get to lead the convoy while riding in a fire truck.

Katy Ishee, Toy Convoy organizer, recently said, "Zayden may not understand exactly what a grand marshal is, but he knows he's going to ride in the fire truck with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and lead this year's convoy."

Zayden recently met some of Wartrace's firefighters, who dressed in full gear and showed him all the bells and whistles of a firetruck. "He's a very strong kid," said fire chief Mike De Jesus.

There's much more in store for Zayden.

Ishee is hoping to enlist the help of an Australian prosthetic company, Free 3D Hands, which makes prosthetic hands for chil-

dren at no cost. Ishee said they've sent in an application and hope to hear back soon. (The T-G will continue to cover Zayden's story.)

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Zayden is pictured with Wartrace firemen, from left, Ike Eichelberger, fire chief Mike De Jesus and volunteers Duane Drake.

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Caroline's cart helps with mobility

Dear Heloise: I recently read about an elderly lady, who wished shopping carts were available near accessible parking spots. I wish more stores would invest in Caroline's carts. These are shopping carts that allow an adult with a mobility issue to sit in a chair facing the operator. It is impossible to push a wheelchair and shopping cart at the same time. This cart allows the wheelchair user to shop with a helper.

Hints from Heloise

Another hint is to use a "binder clip" at the end of your toothpaste tube. It makes it easy to squeeze the toothpaste up to the opening and keep it there. Just roll the tube up and keep placing on the clip as the toothpaste is being used. Thanks for all your hints! -- A Reader, via email

ANOTHER USE FOR AN ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH

Dear Heloise: I read your column daily in the Pasadena Star-News. I recently was scouring my kitchen counter grout and realized my electric toothbrush would make a great tool. I used your hint of baking soda, peroxide and a little dish soap to remove a coffee stain that had been in the grout forever. Worked like magic! Thank you for all your helpful hints. -- Stephanie Loew, Pasadena, California

TAKING PILLS

Dear Heloise: I love your hints, and have followed you for years! For those who have trouble swallowing pills, try this hint: Take a big sip of water, but don't swallow! Now, put the pill in -- it seems to "float" -- and you don't notice it as much. Then, swallow, and it should go down easier. -- Karen Sinn, via email

HANDY HINTS

Dear Heloise: I've always read your column in our daily paper and used so many of your hints. Here are a few of mine that save time and money!

After washing the towels (both kitchen and bath), I rotate them when I put them away. That way, they will all wear out at about the same time. When "white sales" come along, I find the best buy and replace them all at once at an acceptable cost. The old towels are now used to wash cars and for other chores. Think of them as disposable rags -- at no cost to you.

I also rotate my daily dinner dishes. After so many times of using steak knives or other knives on the plates, they begin to show their age. When the time comes, they will all need to be replaced at about the same time. You won't end up with just a few plates to replace. (And good luck trying to do that!) Treat yourself to a new set when they go on sale! I rotate anything I can. It works wonders!

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SATURDAY

Serving Shelbyville banquet

The Serving Shelbyville Banquet will be held by High Calling Ministries from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, on the square. Live worship, food and games are planned for the free event.

Christmas Auction

A Christmas Auction and kitchen fundraiser is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the VFW building on East Depot Street, sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. All proceeds from the kitchen fundraiser will directly benefit the veterans of Bedford County. A portion of the auction's proceeds will go to the Hope Project to provide Christmas for underprivileged families. There will be a toy box for donations to the Hope Project as well.

Flat Creek fun

Flat Creek Community Center will have its monthly potluck meal and entertainment Saturday, Nov. 5. Food at 6 p.m. will be followed by music at 7. Several of Jim and Inge Wood's students will perform with the help of some other friends.

SUNDAY

Gospel concert

Kevin Williams and Charlotte Ritchie of the Gaither Homecoming will lead a Praise & Worship Concert from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Shiloh Outreach Church, 2547 Highway 64 West. A Soup Sunday meal will follow to raise funds to pay for shoe box shipping fees to Samaritan's Purse.

Community reunion

Community School Alumni Reunion will be Sunday, Nov. 6, at 1:30 p.m. at Community High School's auditorium.

MONDAY

Bag Day

Good Samaritan's next Bag Day will be Monday, Nov. 7, from noon-2 p.m. at 201 E. Highland St.

VFW meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 7, at the VFW Post on East Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Mike Ruess, 931-249-1566.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Chili Day

The Moore County branch of Shelbyville-based First Community Bank is holding its 18th annual Chili Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8.

NOV. 11-12

Community play

Community High's Smokestack Theatre Group will present "The Homecoming: A Christmas Story" on Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th, 7:00 p.m. at Community High School. Admission is \$5 at the door. The play is based on the 1972 television movie of the same title that served as the pilot for the long running show, The Waltons. It's Christmas Eve, 1933, as the family awaits the return of their father, already late, as a snowstorm approaches.

NOV. 12



Veterans Parade

Shelbyville's Veterans Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Parade entries may be added by calling Mike Ruess at the Bedford County Veterans Office, 931-685-4838.

NOV. 13

Moore Co. history

The Moore County Historical Society will meet Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Lynchburg. The speaker will be former County Executive Bill Thomas. The topic will be the formation of Metro Moore County. For further information contact Michael Northcutt at mncutt@yahoo.com or 931-434-5797 or George Stone at georgestone@cafes.net or 931-581-2621.

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Shiloh Outreach Church. A meal will be furnished.

NOV. 18

Checkpoint

A driver's license checkpoint will begin at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, .6 miles east of the 15 mile marker on Wartrace Pike (Highway 64 East).

November 2022

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Holidays

- 6th - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 8th - Election Day
- 11th - Veterans Day
- 24th - Thanksgiving



the TMS Drama Club at 6 p.m.

ONGOING

Meals on Wheels

Shelbyville Senior Citizens Center is in need of Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound of Shelbyville. For more information, call 684-0019 and ask for Amy Wilson.

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.

Head Start

Bedford County Head Start Centers are currently taking applications. For more information or to complete an application contact any Head Start Center. Phone numbers are: Wartrace 931-389-6406, Harris Head Start 931-773-0033, North Side Head Start Center 931-773-0141, and Bedford Early Head Start 931-685-0876. Head Start is a free child development program for children 6 weeks to 3 years and their families. Early Head Start enrolls pregnant women for monthly prenatal educational visits.

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Grace, grace, marvelous grace

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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On Thursday morning, I let my guard down. Yikes! This time, it could have been really costly.

I was admiring in my rear view mirror the beautiful, orange sunrise coming up behind me in the City. Then, there it was, Santa's lone reindeer, leaping in front of my car, trying to cross the highway.

I saw the deer in the headlight look, as the saying goes. Blitzen, as we'll call it, must have kicked it into high gear, because he/she made it across the road in front of me unscathed. I let my guard down, forgot, that area is prime deer crossing territory.

I thanked The Good Lord for His mercy.

Ironically, I had been listening to a radio cast about how we need to be more thankful to God, every day. The caller was saying that we are often thankful for our many blessings, but how often do we thank God for sending His only son to die for our sins? (John 3:16.)

The caller said she remembers her aunt also thanking God for his love



and mercy, time and time again. This stuck with her over the years.

This Thanksgiving, and for the whole year, may we be more thankful for grace—something God gave us as a gift. We do not deserve it.

In my devotions, I discovered a "Crosswalk"

writer that I think sums up grace best.

"What is the grace of God? Simply put it is God's favor and kindness toward us. God rains down grace on all mankind. He gave us the beauty and wonders of nature that we see each and every day. He gives us near misses when

accidents are heading our way. He often brings us the right thing just in time. And He also gave us an innate conscience to know right from wrong. All these things are common graces, and everyone born on the earth has the benefit of them because God so loved the world."

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

Bro. Tyler Shoemaker's sermon at **Calvary Baptist Church** at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Fulfill Your Ministry." The service will be livestreamed.

Edgemont Baptist Church's sermon by Pastor Jimmy West at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Reviving Dry Bones" from Ezekiel 37:1-14. Services are livestreamed. Edgemont is having a revival Thursday, Nov. 10 through Sunday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. nightly and 10 a.m. Sunday. The Cavaliers Quartet will have special music nightly. Pastor Eric Capaci, from Gospel Light in Hot Springs, Arkansas, will bring the messages each service.

Church of Christ

The "You On The Move" series continues at **Fairlane Church of Christ** with the sermon "Can You Hear Me Now?" from 1 Kings 19:11-13 by preaching minister Lance Bennett. The 9 a.m. Sunday service is livestreamed and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

"Work, Spend, Give" from Matthew 6:19-21 will be the message at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Southside Church of Christ**. A prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sunday. A study of James begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

The 11 a.m. sermon Sunday at **Wartrace Church of Christ** will be "Baptism Now Saves You" from I Peter 3:21. Chris Bobo is minister.

Independent

Kevin Williams and Charlotte Ritchie of the Gaither Homecoming will lead a Praise & Worship Concert from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at **Shiloh Outreach Church**, 2547 Highway 64 West. A Soup Sunday meal will follow to raise funds to pay for shoe box shipping fees to Samaritan's Purse.



CHURCH SERVES KIDS

It was from all indications a happy and safe Halloween in Shelbyville, with many kids enjoying an early trick or treat run on the public square. First United Methodist Church members entertained lots of spooks on Monday afternoon.

T-G Photo by David Melson

MEET THE T-G STAFF



MEGAN KIPKER

Favorite vacation spot: I like to visit anywhere with beautiful scenery and, especially this time of year, I'm eager to see the fall foliage. It's been a family tradition since I was little to visit Cheaha Mountain in Alabama to see the leaves change.

Favorite part of your job at the T-G: I love being able to preserve a piece of the community and its history. I'm not from the area and have discovered what all who live here know, that Shelbyville is such a special place. It's always a joy to meet customers who have lived here for many years and enjoy the same newspaper they grew up reading.

Favorite food: My favorite food is anything that involves bread or chocolate! Anything at all

Pope presses Muslim dialogue in first papal visit to Bahrain

AWALI, Bahrain (AP) — Pope Francis on Thursday brought his message of dialogue with the Muslim world to the kingdom of Bahrain, where the Sunni-led government is hosting an interfaith conference on East-West coexistence even as it stands accused of discriminating against the country's Shiite majority.

Human rights groups and relatives of Shiite activists on death row have urged Francis to use his visit to call for an end to the death penalty and political repression in Bahrain. But it wasn't clear if Francis will publicly and explicitly embarrass his hosts during this four-day visit, the first of any pontiff to the island nation in the Persian Gulf.

The 85-year-old pope, who has been using a wheelchair for several months because of strained knee ligaments, said he was in "a lot of pain" as he headed to Bahrain, and for the first time greeted journalists traveling with him while seated in the plane rather than walking through the aisle.

He arrived at the desert Awali air base to little fanfare and went immediately into a private meeting with Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at the airport before the official welcome ceremony.

Francis has long touted dialogue as an instrument of peace and believes a show of interfaith harmony is needed, especially



now given Russia's war in Ukraine and regional conflicts, such as in Yemen. On the eve of the trip, Francis asked for prayers so that

the trip will promote "the cause of brotherhood and of peace, of which our times are in extreme and urgent need."

The Family of
Kelcie Steelman
 Would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, gifts, cards and food. Thanks to Pastor Susan Springer, The Heart Remembers, Pallbearers and Doak-Howell Funeral Home.

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Dianne Crowell and Emily Habel

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Shelbyville police officer Russ Grubbs celebrating 11 years with the department.



Benjamin Cobb, center, has joined the department as an officer. He will complete the state academy and local training program.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

10/25/2022—10/31/22

Samuel P. Sells Jr., Shedra Sells to MAC Construction LLC—\$100,000, 0 acres, no address
 Georgina Lynn Jones to Brittany Jones—0 money, 0 acres, Mount Rd.
 United Methodist Church Inc., Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference to Cedar Grove Church—0 money, 0.92 acres, Cedar Grove Rd.
 Kenneth Wayne Carlton, Carolyn Marie Arnold, Thomas Allan Carlton to Jennifer Johnson—\$175,000, 0 acres, Moody St.
 Cherie Renee Partio to SWMP LLC—\$45,496.67, 0.49 acres, Rattlesnake Lodge Rd.
 Cheryl Ann Hargrove, Cheryl Hargrove to Scott Giles, Jennifer Giles—\$10, 8.04 acres, Palmetto Rd.
 Taren K. Moore to Daniel Morgan Hays, Jennifer Desiree Hays—\$605,000, 0 acres, Unionville Deason Rd.
 Daniel Gragg Construction LLC, Daniel Gragg to Mayra Angel Mata—\$425,000, 0 acres, Adams Rd.
 Greely Smotherman to Mohammed Nsaif—\$59,900, 0 acres,

Wartrace Pike Nannette Irene Beach to Veronica Cowden—\$159,900, 0 acres, King Ave.
 Marilyn B. Bennett Green, Jeffery Thomas Green to John Boyd Green Sr., John Boyd Green Jr.—\$22,800, 0 acres, Shelbyville Tullahoma Hwy.
 Teena Vincent to Santiago Morales Martinez, Sara Garcia Gallegos, Sara A. Garcia—\$300,000, 3.16 acres, Hwy 82 S.
 Kimberly Wynsenita Harvey, Aleecia Sloan Harvey to Drew Cordero Harvey—\$45,000, 0 acres, Scotland Heights
 Michael W. Griffin to Michael W. Griffin, Brenda Griffin—0 money, 0 acres, Chestnut Dr.
 Jamie Mitchell, Timothy Mitchell to Andrew R. Sifain, Stanley B. Sifain—\$550,000, 40.89 acres, Farmer Rd.
 Robert L. West to Vivan & Krish LLC—\$550,000, 0 acres, Huffman Rd.
 Daniel Hill, Amber Hill to Samantha J. Zindars, Richard Ryan Zindars—\$489,000, 0 acres, Philpot Rd.
 SDH Nashville LLC to Bobbie Ann Ventura, Frank R. Ventura—\$259,900, 0

acres, Townsend Ave.
 Samantha Jo Zindars, Richard Ryan Zindars to Kenneth Keith, Laura Keith—\$400,000, 0 acres, Idle Drive
 Calvin Henry Hatchett, Rebecca Lynn Hatchett to Roger L. Kieffer, Robin J. Kieffer—\$28,000, 2.03 acres, Fosterville Rd.
 Frank Tristan Scott to David W. Wiser—\$60,000, 0 acres, no address
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Delivery driver accused of hitting customer

By DAVID MELSON
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A Uber Eats driver is accused of striking a customer with her vehicle after delivering an order Monday afternoon.

The driver allegedly arrived at the Midland Street home of James Bolin II and accidentally left her SUV in drive as she carried an order of barbecue to the door. The Chevrolet Equinox crept forward and bumped but didn't damage Bolin's vehicle, the report said.

Bolin insisted on filing a wreck report, police said. The driver allegedly "became impatient" and backed out of the driveway, then swerved toward and hit Bolin as he ran toward the road, according to the report.

The impact knocked Bolin into a ditch, police were told. The driver allegedly fled.

Bolin suffered injuries to his forehead, a shoulder and a wrist, Officer Jerry Lawrence's report said. He was taken by ambulance to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

The driver was identified by Bolin as "a light-skinned Black female named Adriana" driving a black Chevrolet Equinox with a temporary tag and a front end appearing to be held together by zip ties. Uber Eats refused to identify the accused driver beyond a first name, Bolin told police.

Drug charges

Methamphetamine was confiscated from a man found sleeping under the Duck River bridge on Highway 82 South Friday of last week, a Bedford County deputy said.

A small bag containing 1.1 grams of crystal meth was in the clothing of John David Wiser, 42, of Crestview Drive by Deputy Clyde Boyce.

Wiser was in a truck with a pipe allegedly containing meth residue, Boyce's report said.

Charges of simple possession of a schedule 2 drug and possession of drug paraphernalia were filed. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Theft

Several boxes left outside a West Depot Street home were stolen and opened Oct. 24, Shelbyville police were told Wednesday.

Security video shows a white man wearing a neon vest and a white woman wearing a black dress, pink cardigan and white hat with the items.

Vandalism

No trespassing signs posted around a graveyard on Church Cross Road were stolen and tire tracks were visible last Saturday, a BCSO report said.

Jail intake

The following were arrested since Friday, Oct. 28, by local law enforcement agencies. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts. The list does not indicate whether those arrested were held or made bond.

- Lakisa Lashea Adams, 35, Saddlewood Drive; vandalism; \$500 bond
- Tony Wayne Anderson, 29, Shelbyville; violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

- Robert Kody Lee Asad, 31, Goodlettsville; probation revocation; \$1,500 bond

- Tiffany Hope Atwood, 30, Ledbetter Street; DUI (second offense), child endangerment (three counts); \$15,500 bond

- Nikki Renee Barrett, 27, Woodland Avenue; failure to appear; \$2,000 bond

- Ovidio Juan Bartolome, 26, Morton Street; DUI, possession of schedule 6 drug; \$4,500 bond

- William B. Benson, 65, Davis Street; DUI; \$3,000 bond

- Adrianna Quenece Bonner, 20, Green Lane; failure to appear; held, \$5,000 bond

- Matthew Wayne Burks, 37, East Depot Street; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$2,000 bond

- Chad Richard Dubbs, 40, Fosterville; aggravated assault; \$30,000 bond

- Joel Frame, 27, Lynchburg; DUI; \$4,500 bond

- Thrusten DeJuan Garrett, 19, Barksdale Lane; failure to appear; \$1,000 bond

- Marcyanna D. Grier, 18, Gowen Drive; theft under \$500; summons issued

- Allen Jasper Lawson, 44, Unionville-Deason Road; violation of probation; \$1,000 bond

- Mary R. LeMay, 40, Baker Street; violation of probation; \$4,500 bond

- Gary Thomas Lynn, 34, no fixed address, Shelbyville; violation of probation; \$1,500 bond

- Carlos Edmundo Macias, 25, Ranchero Drive; DUI; \$2,500 bond

- Armundo Mejia, 24, King Arthur Court; DUI, no driver's license; \$5,000 bond

- Daniel Ogren, 61, Tullahoma; DUI, no driver's license; \$5,000 bond

- John Lennon Pickelsimer, 41, Buckingham Lane; probation revocation; \$1,500 bond

- Christopher Shane Pittman, 22, Couch Lane; theft of property over \$2,500; \$7,500 bond

- Brandon Koty Potts, 28, Manchester; possession of schedule 6 drug; \$5,000 bond

- Mary Katherine Potts, 31, Amos Gammill Road; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$1,500 bond

- Fabian Giro Rodriguez, 27, Ligon Drive; DUI; \$2,500 bond

- Fernando Dias Sebastian, 27, Moody Street; two unspecified charges; \$500,000 bond

- Colin Douglas Sheehy, 24, Lafayette Street; public intoxication, resisting arrest; \$5,500 bond

- Anthony Garron Smith, 45, Stanley Boulevard; violation of probation; \$1,000 bond

- Mario Soperanes, 21, Neeley Avenue; aggravated assault, false imprisonment, interference with emergency calls; \$70,000 bond

- Howard Cooper Taylor IV, 38, Lorient Circle; vandalism; \$2,500 bond

- Bryan Keith Westmoreland, 24, Belfast; failure to appear; \$5,000 bond

- John David Wiser, 42, Crestview Drive; simple possession of schedule 2 drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$2,000 bond

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2022 Veterans Day Parade planned for Nov. 12



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Community celebrates Oct. 31

Public square merchants, Shelbyville Police Department, churches, government officials and individuals served the community with lots and lots of treats, and a few fun tricks, on Halloween.

Costumes ranged from scary clowns to throwback hippies.

One statement repeated several times this Halloween was that it was nice to be together as a community, celebrating a holiday, once again.



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Mark McGee
My Take

Whatever happened to trick-or-treat

I had a trick played on me Monday night. I bought two large bags of candy and a smaller one and prepared for an invasion of trick-or-treaters for Halloween.

I had on my Halloween movie T-shirt featuring Michael Myers with the saying "Everyone is entitled to one good scare." I had my porch light on. I was ready.

Shortly before the sky was dark, I had three groups drop by, probably a total of a dozen kids. I was already beginning to worry if I had enough of the most expensive candy in the history of Halloween. I need not have bothered.

Those were the only trick-or-treaters to visit. I was surprised because in the past my mother and/or my daughter had been at the door handing out candy. No matter how much we bought we always ran out.

This year my mother was caring for my ailing father and my daughter was hosting a pizza party in Nashville. I was kind of excited about greeting trick-or-treaters by myself for the first time.

What a disappointment it was for me. Thank goodness, I didn't waste my time and carve a jack-o-lantern.

Later in the evening as I ate Mexican food, my go-to dinner on Halloween. For the umpteenth time I watched actor Donald Pleasence, playing Dr. Samuel Loomis, warn the sheriff of Haddonfield, Illinois "death has come to his little town". I contemplated the lack of kids in search of candy.

First, congregations are offering more opportunities for children to trick-or-treat within the confines and safety of the church grounds. My church held a "Trunk-or-Treat event the night before Halloween.

Saturday night there was a party on the square offering kids a chance to celebrate.

In addition, it was Monday, a school night. All of those reasons were valid for me as I rationalized the non-events of the evening.

I live on a busy street. Sometimes it is too busy. I did a quick check around the area and only one other house had a porch light on. Maybe the prospect of only making a stop or two prompted parents to search for more encouraging areas for treat.

I just hope this is not the indication of another tradition being trampled by progress. I admit I didn't really enjoy the trick-or-treat process as a kid. The masks were hard to breathe through and they had a unique plastic smell.

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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Welcomed encounter

The eggs...I was wanting eggs, and I was ready to grab them out of the cooler at Walmart when I said hello to the lady standing next to me.

The Cross...I was wearing a black t-shirt with a big white Cross on it, and she smiled and said she liked the Cross, and then she looked at my hair and my eyes, my glasses (I was wearing a mask covering my mouth and nose...flu season, you know).

The column... "Oh, I know who you are! I read your column every week. When I saw your t-shirt it dawned on me where I knew you from. You've spoken at my church before, too."

The lady... Vicky Thomas and I talked for a while there in front of the eggs at Walmart. We talked about my columns and the freedom that the Times-Gazette has given me to share my faith in Jesus Christ with my readers.

The freedom... I thank God every day for the freedom I have to write about Jesus Christ, to teach about Jesus Christ, to preach about Jesus Christ, and to talk openly about Jesus with Vicky right there in the dairy section of our local Walmart.

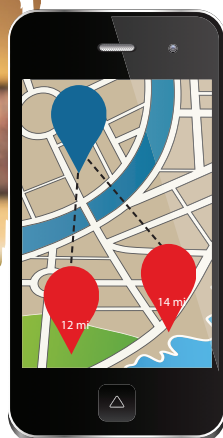
The conversation... We talked about Jesus, and the Cross, and His Second Coming, and the coming persecution for believers in Jesus here in America... But, then we talked about the Hope we have that one day we will join Jesus in the Throne Room of Heaven.

The persecution... Christians have been suffering persecution all throughout history, ever since Jesus was hung upon the Cross, and rose from the grave, and then He ascended to be with the Father in Heaven.

The suffering... Many of the first century disciples had to hide away from towns to worship Jesus... and many of them were martyred, murdered for their faith... and this for... and this after century...and still today across the globe Christians are suffering persecution, and are still being put to death for their unwillingness to denounce Jesus Christ.

The unwillingness... Vicky and I talked about our willingness to suffer persecution if it come to that in our lifetime. I am willing to take a stand for Jesus; to preach and teach the Truth of God's Word, even if it is not "politically correct," or "socially acceptable."

► See Doug, Page 6B



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Keeping it simple in 2022: Easy Thanksgiving recipes

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Having a limited number of guests for Thanksgiving? Then you're probably thinking, what do we do with all those leftovers?

Why not prepare just three dishes; you're done? Who says there has to be a table full of dishes on Nov. 24. You do you, this holiday season.

These selected recipes from some of the country's dairy experts are not shy on flavor. We believe this small, but tasty, spread will still garner you those usual oohs and ahhs.

The key is to make fewer dishes as decadent as possible. By making these three tasty dishes, you might even have more time to spend with friends and loved ones.

Tip: Have a beverage bar also available with dessert. From coffee to lemonade, any beverage will do.

Use a cool buffet or media cabinet to create a coffee station. Add a fun chalkboard to the wall to write messages or even share recipes. Go modern with a gold and glass bar cart to create a more sophisticated coffee station.

Happy, simple Thanksgiving cooking!

Air Fryer Thanksgiving Turkey

5 to 6 lb. bone-in turkey breast, rib bones removed*
 1/2 C butter, softened to room temperature

1 Tbsp. each minced parsley, sage, thyme

1 tsp. each minced rosemary, lemon zest, kosher salt, ground black pepper

Preheat air fryer to 350 degrees. Combine the butter, chopped fresh herbs, lemon zest, salt and freshly ground black pepper in a small bowl. Gently slide your fingers underneath the skin to loosen the skin away from both sides of the turkey breast. Place a third of the herb butter under the skin, massaging



it over the turkey breast meat. Repeat on the other side. Spread the remainder of the butter on the outside of the turkey. It's fine if it doesn't spread evenly since it will melt in the air fryer anyway. Place the turkey breast skin-side up in the air fryer basket. Air-fry for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Use a turkey baster to suck up the drippings from the bottom of the air fryer. Turn the turkey breast over so it is now skin-side down. Air-fry for another 20 minutes. At the end of the second 20 minutes, carefully turn the turkey breast over again so it is back to skin-side up. Check the temperature of the turkey breast with a quick-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast. The temperatures should be approaching 155 to 160 degrees. Baste the turkey with additional drippings from the bottom of the air fryer, then air fry the turkey breast for an additional 10 to 15 minutes, stopping periodically to baste the turkey and check the temperature. Air fry until the skin is crispy and the turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees on an instant read thermometer. Place the turkey breast on a cutting board and tent it loosely with foil. Let it rest for at least 15 minutes before carving. While the turkey rests, pour the juices from the bottom of the air fryer into a measuring cup or fat separator. Let the juices sit for 10 minutes and ladle or pour off the grease that rises to the surface. Strain the drippings and

either use them to make gravy or simply pour the juices over the sliced turkey breast.

Note: * Make sure the turkey breast will fit into the air fryer. Trim the rib bones with a pair of sharp poultry scissors as needed to ensure the turkey fits entirely in the air fryer basket.

One-Pot Creamy Veggie Pasta

2 1/2 C. water or vegetable stock
 1 C. heavy whipping cream
 1 C. milk
 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
 1 Tbsp. sea salt
 1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning

blend
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 2 Tbsp. butter
 12 oz. linguine pasta, or another thin noodle
 1 dry pint cherry tomatoes, halved

1 bunch red kale leaves, torn
 1 (8-oz.) package sliced baby Bella mushrooms
 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese, divided

In large shallow straight-sided pan, such as cast iron 3.5 or 4-quart braiser, place water, cream, milk and seasoning. Stir until well combined. Add butter, pasta and veggies, ensuring pasta is completely covered by liquid. Bring to a boil and cook until the pasta is al dente and liquid has nearly evaporated, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in half the parmesan cheese. Divide pasta into serving bowls

and top with remaining cheese. Serve immediately.

Spiced Apple Cheesecake Bites

(American Dairy Association NE)

Cheesecake
 1 1/4 C. gingersnap crumbs
 3 Tbsp. brown sugar
 5 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
 1/4 C. sour cream, room temperature

1 large egg, room temperature
 1/4 C. granulated sugar
 1/4 C. granulated sugar
 Spiced Apple Topping
 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
 2 green apples, peeled, cored and diced
 1/4 C. brown sugar
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
 1/4 tsp. ground clove
 1 tsp. cornstarch
 1/4 C. water
 Pinch kosher salt

Preheat oven to 350. Line muffin tin with paper cupcake liners. Combine gingersnap crumbs, brown sugar and melted butter in small bowl. Divide gingersnap mixture evenly among muffin cups and press down to compact. Beat cream cheese and sour cream in medium mixing bowl until smooth and creamy. Add egg, sugar and vanilla and beat until combined. Divide cheesecake mixture evenly among muffin cups and smooth into even layer. Bake until set, 18-20 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool completely, then refrigerate until ready to serve.

While cheesecakes bake, prepare apple topping: Melt butter in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add apples to skillet and stir to coat in butter. Stir in brown sugar, spices and cornstarch. Add water and cook another 5 minutes until apples are tender and juices begin to thicken. Remove from heat and let cool until ready to serve. To serve, remove cupcake

liners from cheesecakes and arrange on serving platter. Top with spiced apples and serve.

Dalgona Coffee

(Diary Alliance)

Dalgona coffee has a bitter taste, with the milk and sugar providing a sweet aftertaste that leaves you wanting more. A large part of its appeal is the smooth, foamy texture instead of a traditional coffee.

T.V. celebrities have made it famous, likening it to the taste to that of dalgona, a type of Korean honeycomb toffee.

To make whipped coffee, first, combine equal part of instant coffee, granulated sugar, and boiling water into a bowl or wide-mouthed mug. You then whip it up by hand or with a hand mixer. Once combined with the desired amount of warm or cold milk, a quick stir means your coffee is ready to enjoy. If desired, add a pinch of cinnamon, drizzle some honey, mix in cocoa powder, or pour over ice. This drink is so simple to make that it can be easily customized. Instead of mixing it with milk, you can add a dollop to a scoop of ice cream or slice of pie. To make this recipe for Thanksgiving, someone will have to be designated master "bartender."

Honey-sweetened Lemonade

(University of Maine Extension)

Serves 5
 4 C. water
 1 C. lemon juice
 1/3 C. honey
 (Optional) 1 lemon for garnish

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend for 30 – 60 seconds. Serve on ice. (Optional) slice 1 lemon into circles or wedges for garnish. Variations: add fresh mint leaves after blending. Add your favorite fresh or frozen fruit (blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, sliced peaches) into lemonade before or after blending.

PROMOTING LITERACY



Submitted Photo

Imagination Library Board members were guests of Shelbyville Optimist Club in October. A \$5,000 check donation was presented to the board members. From left, board members Laura Pewitt, Pete Wendling, Keri Wendling, Optimist Club President Brent Pewitt, and board member Ivan Jones.

Afraid of missing out on Veterans Day?

Murphy's Law being what it is, whether you're talking about a surprise party, a romantic getaway or visiting an acquaintance in the hospital, good intentions don't always pan out.

The same goes for the intention to carry out a proper observation of Veterans Day.

Sometimes work/family obligations, ill health or inclement weather stand in the way of attending a public ceremony honoring our nation's veterans. "Maybe next year" is the lament of too many of us.

Imagine my delight when a Google search revealed "Suggested Speech for Veterans Day 2022" from The American Legion. (I did not find a corresponding speech from the VFW, but I want to tip my hat to that organization as well.) The downloadable speech can be found at <https://www.legion.org/publications/257163/veterans-day-speech-2022>.

My mention of this speech is not at all intended to offer it as a "get out of jail free" card for skipping public commemorations and melding with your recliner. But it is invaluable as a substitute for those who truly can't participate. It is also a supplement and keepsake for those who do manage to attend a parade or other ceremony.

Perhaps the unassuming title of the document flies under your radar, but I am struck by the term "suggested."

The speech is a template, a guideline, a resource for the dignitaries directing local commemorations across the country. Thanks to the men and women defending our shores and airspace, this republic has stood for nearly 250 years. We do not have some conquering foreign tyrant dictating the contents of public communications or enforcing mandatory attendance at "pep rallies."

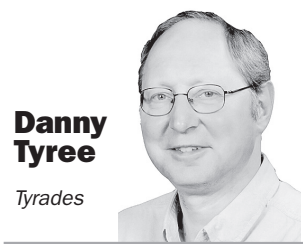
Besides telling about the military and post-military contributions of our veterans, the speech advocates for the hiring of veterans, calls attention to the plight of homeless vets and publicizes the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (9-8-8, extension 1 for veterans).

I hope the speech will be widely heard/circulated, to stir up our appreciation of veterans.

Sure, society still gives a nod to the dwindling members of the Greatest Generation who fought in World War II and Korea. We have learned to exhibit a certain degree of respect for the draftees who were trapped in the quagmire of the Vietnam War. But sometimes it seems that the advent of the all-volunteer military has made us more complacent.

"Hey, they knew what they were signing up for" is the attitude of many who think that our national security comes from pixie dust.

But do any of us ever know exactly what we're getting into? Referring back to good intentions, no marriage, no job, no infrastructure project ever



Danny Tyree

Tyrades

turns out exactly like we expected.

We complain about politicians lying, but to a considerable extent, they are genuinely flummoxed when they get elected and their sincere (naïve) promises prove to be impossible to implement.

No matter how brave, athletic and resourceful an enlistee is, the military is an unenviable challenge.

Regulations, culture clashes, inhospitable climates, separation from loved ones and physical danger all make honorable military service something worth celebrating.

Those who speak dismissively of our veterans are guilty of a dishonorable discharge from their mouths.

Try your best to mark Veterans Day by thanking a vet one-on-one and/or attending a community ceremony.

But download the speech as well. And pass a copy along to everyone whom you think could benefit from its inspirational message.

Turn "good intentions" into "mission accomplished."

•Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

Put dining space to good use

The kitchen may be the heart of a home, but when it comes to entertaining, a dining room — if one is present in a house — tends to be the prime gathering spot for meals.

Dining rooms may not be top on the list of spaces to renovate, as they tend to be used infrequently. But a dining room makeover may still be a worthy endeavor.

Here are some simple ways to make the dining room more elegant and functional, especially during the holidays.

• Clear out the clutter.

The first step toward improving a dining room eating area is to remove any extraneous items from the space. If the dining room table is not used very often, it likely has become a catch-all for other items, such as bills, newspapers or kids' homework. Rather than using the dining space as a makeshift office or homework station, invest in a rolling cart to store those papers and other items. Simply roll it into a closet or another room when it's time to host a party.

• Hang a statement light.

Few decorative items add as much drama and



ambiance to a dining space as a new overhead light. People hear chandelier and think a bejeweled or crystal design. But various chandelier styles can fit the aesthetic of a home. The light will be a focal point and instantly make the dining area more elegant. Install the light on a dimmer to adjust the illumination as needed to set the mood.

• Invest in new linens.

Purchase coordinating table linens that will be used for special occasions. A decorative table cloth or table runner coupled with cloth napkins and placemats helps to set the scene of the dinner party.

• Add a piece of art-

work. Many modern homeowners have eschewed the China cabinet that once was standard in dining rooms. Rather than a bulky piece of furniture, a large piece of statement-making artwork or framed photos over a more minimalist buffet table or small service bar is preferable. Choose artwork that complements the colors in the space.

• Include a centerpiece.

Centerpieces add sophistication to the table and tie into the event. Floral arrangements, a bowl or basket of fruit, pine cones or greens from outdoors, or collectibles like shells in a tall canister can serve as centerpieces.

More Halloween scenes from the public square



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Harris celebrates Fall

HARRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL



The face painting booth at HMS's fall festival was quite popular.



There was all types of entertainment.

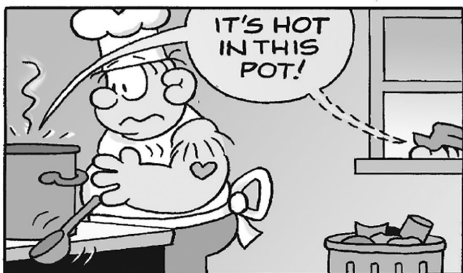


Photos by Carol Garrette

Harris Middle School hosted a fall festival last weekend, with hundreds turning out to support the school.

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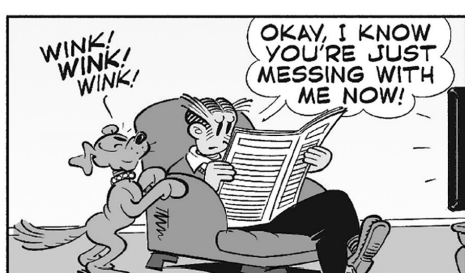
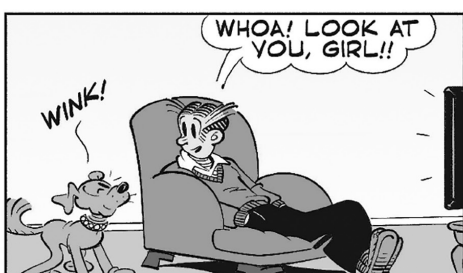
Mort Walker's **beetle bailey**



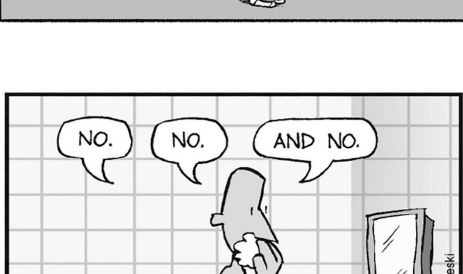
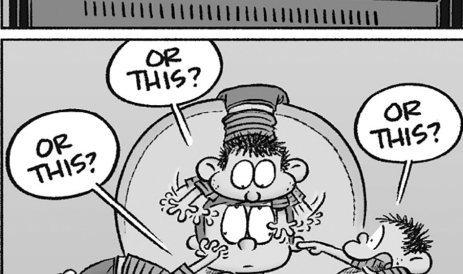
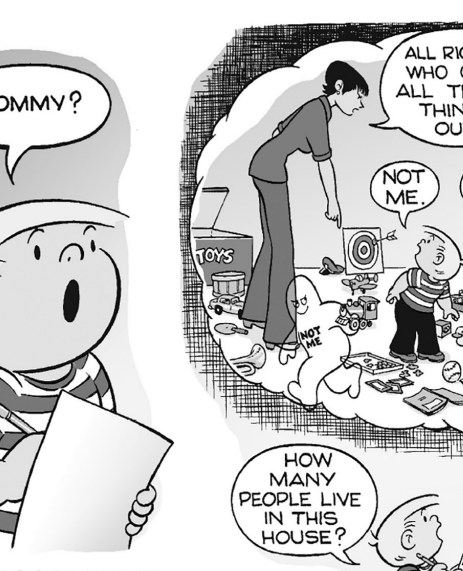
Mark Ketchum's **Dennis the Menace** SOLDIER ON!



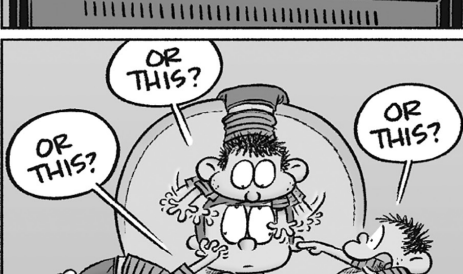
BLONDIE BY SEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



The FAMILY CIRCUS BY BILL KEANE



Baby Blues



DADDY DAZE



Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WELL, I PUT THE "HAND TURKEY" I DREW IN KINDERGARTEN ON THE FRIDGE.

THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS ARE DONE. NICE.

MMM...

THIS IS NICE.

IT IS.

WHO SAYS THE HOLIDAYS HAVE TO BE HECTIC?

NOW, IF WE COULD GET THE RELATIVES WE INVITED NOT TO SHOW UP FOR THANKSGIVING—OR JUST HIDE BEHIND THE SOFA WHEN THEY DO—WE COULD RIDE THIS GOOD VIBE STRAIGHT INTO 2023.

DARLING, THIS IS THE FIRST INTACT IDOL WE'VE SEEN IN QUITE SOME TIME.

YOU'RE RIGHT...

WE SEEM TO BE LEAVING THE BATTLEGROUND BEHIND... THAT BLOODY UNDERWORLD OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

THE IMAGES ON THESE WALLS... THESE ARE THE SAME NOBLE GODS ENSHRINED AT THE TEMPLE'S ENTRANCE ON EDEN.

ANCIENT IDOLS OF MAGIC, MEDICINE...

WE'RE NEAR THE SURFACE AGAIN, AREN'T WE? I CAN FEEL IT!

WE MUST BE VERY NEAR THE STONE LIONS WE'RE SEARCHING FOR!

THIS IS A REMARKABLE FIND...

NOT ONLY IS THE IDOL NOT DAMAGED, IT REPRESENTS ONE OF THE CULT'S HIGHER GODS.

THOTH, I BELIEVE, THE GOD OF WISDOM. IF I REMEMBER MINA BRAUN CORRECTLY.

I THOUGHT WE WERE ON THE MAIN CORRIDOR THROUGH THIS UNDERWORLD, DIDN'T YOU?

I'D SAY WE'VE COME TO A CROSSROADS...

TONY DePAUL & Jeff Weigel 11-6-22

Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

I EVENTUALLY WANT TO HAVE A FAMILY AND A GOOD JOB...

BUT FIRST I NEED TO HAVE SOME FUN AND SEE THE WORLD.

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.

WELL, LOOKING FORWARD...

HOW DID IT GO?

THAT BOY REALLY HAS HIS PRIORITIES IN THE RIGHT ORDER.

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

MAYBE IT'S TIME TO PUMP THE BRAKES ON THE PUMPKIN SPICE, BRO.

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"LEROY'S GOOD AT FALLING BACK, BUT NOT SO MUCH AT SPRINGING FORWARD."

"THAT'S A MISNOMER IF I'VE EVER HEARD ONE."

"AND THAT'S THE TRUTH WITH A 62% PROBABILITY."

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom Batiuk

SO YOU WERE THE BAND DIRECTOR HERE AT WESTVIEW FOR ALMOST FORTY YEARS?

THAT'S RIGHT... IN FACT, ONLY HARVEY THE JANITOR HAS BEEN AT THE SCHOOL LONGER.

FRED AND I BOTH WORKED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL... AND ODDLY ENOUGH GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER ON THE PICKET LINE DURING A TEACHERS' STRIKE...

'YOU REALLY SHOULD TALK TO AL BURCH, THE FORMER PRINCIPAL AT WESTVIEW...'

SO, MR. BURCH, I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE THE PRINCIPAL AT WESTVIEW HIGH FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS...

SLYLOCK FOX BY BOB WEBER JR.

Shady Shrew is suspected of crashing into a street sign across town 15 minutes ago and then leaving the scene. Shady insists this smashed headlight was the result of a hit-and-run driver backing into him at this location moments ago. Slylock Fox says there is something missing at the scene that suggests the shrew is lying. What is missing?

Solution -- There is no street sign crash site. The street sign suspects at the scene are the only suspects at the scene. The street sign suspects at the scene are the only suspects at the scene.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Squirrel's teeth, small flower, spider's leg, frog's spot and window.

"NOW, THIS BABY DOES 9% INTEREST IN ONLY 12 MONTHS."

HOW TO DRAW a goat

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Maya, age 8

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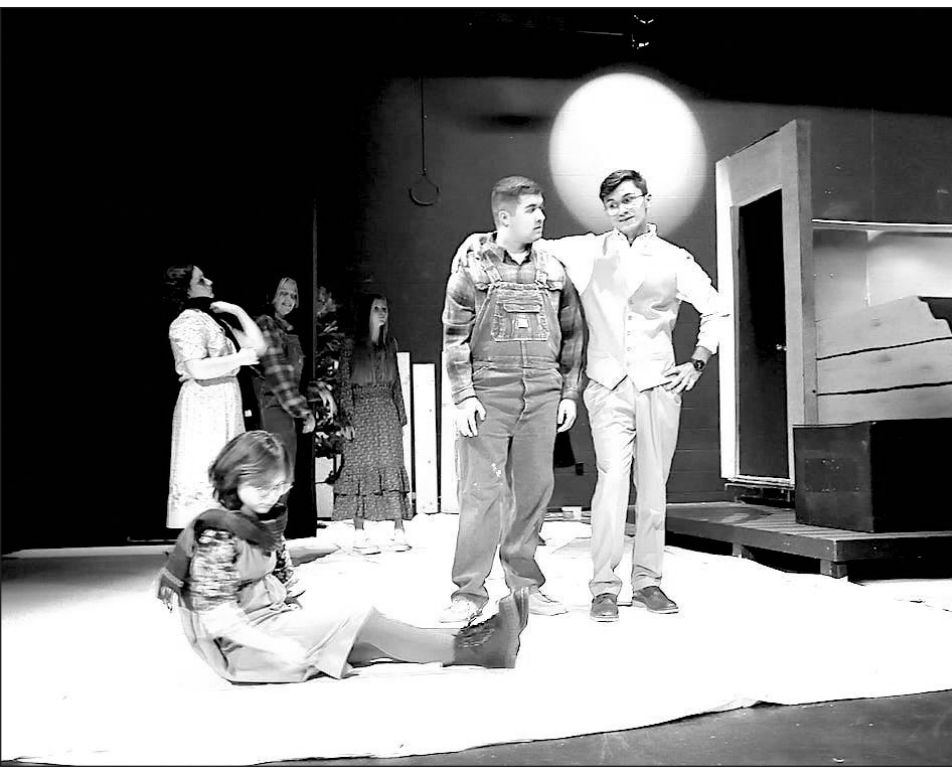
Toads and frogs blink in order to ...

- Stay awake
- Swallow food
- Attract a mate
- Make a wish

Answer (b) Blinking presses their eyes into their mouths, pushing their throats.

NEW! Slylock Fox: Spot the Six Differences book is here! Available at www.slylockfox.com

"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL... MY BEST ZOOM MEETING EVER, AND MY VIDEO WAS FROZEN THE WHOLE TIME."



Jays Monroe, front, right, portrays "Clay-boy Spencer," the eldest son of the Spencer clan, and a young man struggling to live up to his father's expectations. Other cast members include Ryan Waterson, front, left, Chloe Armstrong, (front, sitting), Emma Grace Trigerous, Isabella Schlatter and Skyler Smith (background.)



Community High School's Smokestack Theatre group will present, "The Homecoming: A Christmas Story" Nov. 11 and 12 at the school auditorium. Lauren Bobo, front, is "Olivia Spencer" and in back, from left, are Community High Smokestack actors Isabella Schlatter, Skyler Smith, Chloe Armstrong, Chelsea Utz, Nick Pando, Ryan Waterson and Kenadie Behrns (sitting.)

Community High presents 'The Homecoming'

Stage production is Nov. 11 & 12

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Community High School's Smokestack Theatre will present, "The Homecoming: A Christmas Story" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Community's long-time drama instructor Anthony Davis said recently the CHS play is based on the 1972 TV movie that served as the pilot for the long running series "The Waltons."

The first act of the Smokestack play will be that Christmas Eve in 1933, as the family awaits the return home of their father, as a snowstorm approaches. This play is certain to include all the warmth that gen-

erations have enjoyed over the years in both TV, film and books.

Excitement builds at Community as a new generation in 2022 heads to the stage to portray a difficult economic era in American history. Whether you call him "Clay Boy" or "John Boy," the late Earl Hamner Jr.'s life in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia during The Great Depression is the basis of the production.

"Spencer's Mountain" was actually the name of the earlier 1963 drama featuring actors Henry Fonda and Maureen O'Hara. It was written, directed and produced by Delmer Daves from the 1961 novel of the same name by Hamner, who would actually go on to do the voice over narration for "The Waltons."



Sarah Baumbarger (sitting) portrays the Spencer's Mountain vagabond "Birdshot," whose life will be changed by the kindness of the Spencers on Christmas Eve.

Health benefits of popcorn?

Many people will say that no movie night or play is complete without a big bowl of popcorn. Theatre and popcorn have been linked for decades, but popcorn is more than just a must-have on movie night.

Popcorn lovers may be surprised to learn just how healthy this beloved snack can be.

- Popcorn can help lower cholesterol. Like many other foods, popcorn is full of fiber. Fiber attaches to cholesterol particles and helps prevent them from entering the bloodstream and traveling to other parts of the body, according to Verywell Health.

- Popcorn promotes healthy digestion. The same fiber that helps reduce cholesterol also promotes healthy digestion. Popcorn is a whole grain and the high fiber content in popcorn can alleviate constipation by stimulating the peristaltic motion of the smooth intestinal muscles and the secretion of digestive enzymes.

- Popcorn can help regulate blood sugar. The fiber in popcorn can regulate the release and management of blood sugar and insulin levels, potentially helping people with diabetes.

- Popcorn has disease-fighting properties. OrganicFacts.net says popcorn has polyphenols that act as antioxidants in the body. Antioxidants reduce oxidative stress and can fight against the development of chronic diseases. They also may prevent the development of age-related symptoms like age spots and wrinkles.

- Popcorn is a low-calorie snack. A cup of air-popped popcorn comes in at just around 30 calories. That means you can overindulge a bit on popcorn and it won't lead to overconsumption of calories. One serving of popcorn has five times fewer calories than one serving of potato chips.

- Popcorn keeps you feeling full. Thanks to its high fiber content, popcorn can fill you up and stave off hunger pangs.

So while we tend to glob on the butter and salt, remember that in moderation, popcorn has plenty of hidden benefits that make it a healthy snack.



Doug

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The Truth... Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by Me (John 14:6). The writer of the Book of Hebrews reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever..." And the Prophet Malachi proclaimed what God told him: "For I Am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

My friend... I want to thank my friend, Vicky Thomas, for not only saying 'hello' back to me in the dairy section, but for giving me inspiration for this column...right there in front of those eggs (I

bought 3 cartons, by the way).

I agree with my dear friend (whom I haven't met yet), Rick Renner, who wrote the following in his book, "Sparkling Gems II."

"Do you ever feel like the world is shifting and swirling so fast that it is different from one day to the next? It is simply a fact that we live in an age when everything seems to be changing before our eyes. In fact, technology develops so quickly that if I listed devices that represent the 'new' technology of today, whatever I wrote down would be outdated before this book is printed!

"Not only have we seen technologies change quickly, but we have also seen politics and political parties, national and international boundaries,

and currencies change, and the list goes on and on.

"In the midst of this climate of sweeping changes that the world is caught up in, scores of people have been swept into a seismic shift in core biblical values and morals, even concerning the most basic tenets of faith.

"These changes are occurring at an alarming rate, but we should not be surprised by it, because the Holy Spirit warned us 2,000 years in advance that this would occur in the very last part of the last days. Perhaps the shock we feel is that so many are abandoning former positions of faith to embrace new ones at what seems to be such lightning speed."

Thank you, Rick! Things are changing fast! But God doesn't

change; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever; the Word of God doesn't change...even though people want to change it.

The Apostle Peter, quoting from the great Prophet Isaiah, wrote, "'All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever.' Now this is the Word which by the Gospel was preached to you." (1 Peter 1:24-25; Isaiah 40:6-8)

Back to the dairy section at Walmart... My friend and I talked about Heaven, and we talked about this great old hymn, "Heaven's Sounding Sweeter All The Time... Life has been so good, I can't complain. When

I'm down, God gives me strength to rise again. I get weary from the struggle of it all, So I listen, how I listen for His call. Heaven's sounding sweeter all the time, Seems like lately, it's always on my mind. Someday, I'll leave this world behind. Heaven's sounding sweeter all the time."

And that will never change.

Mark

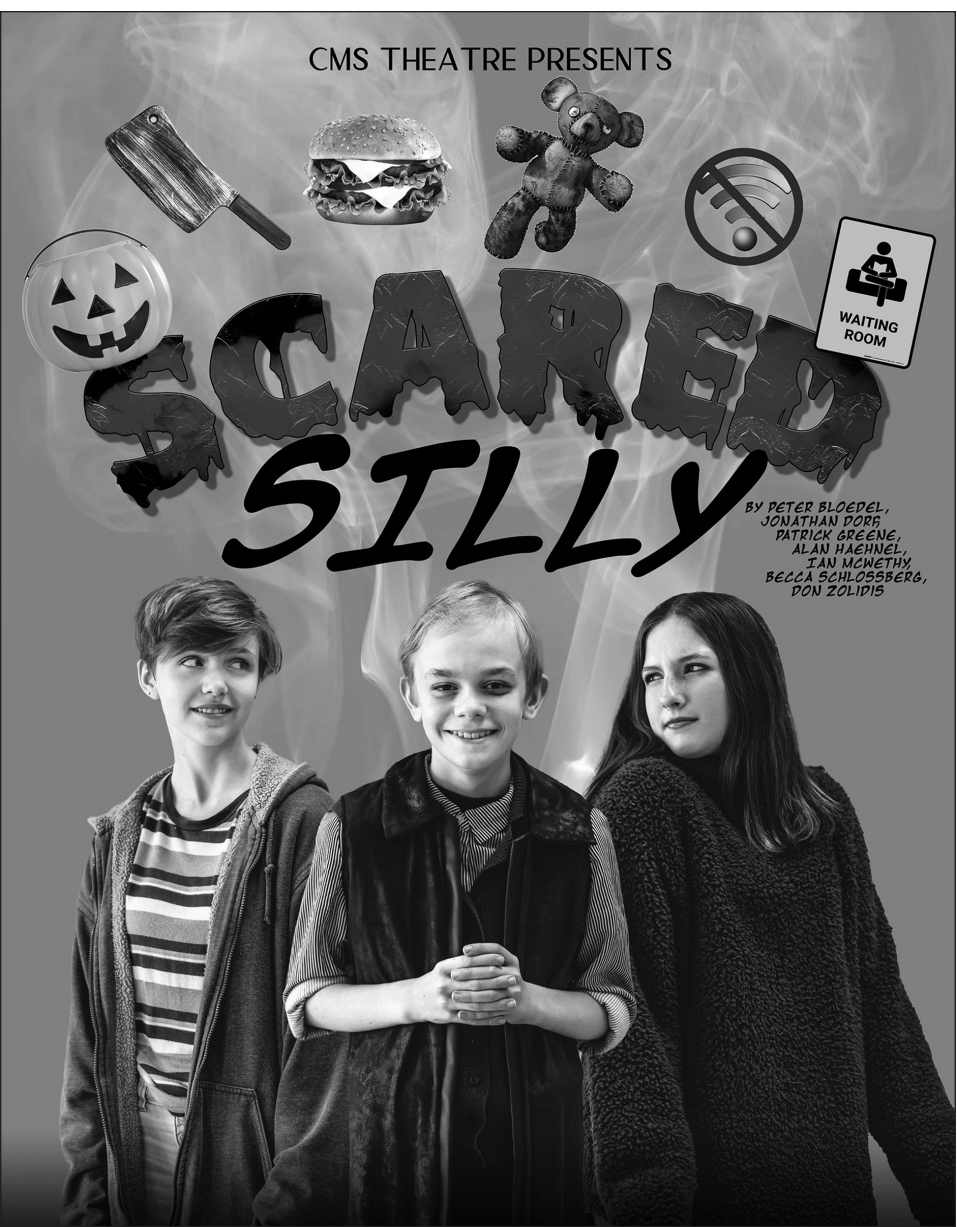
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As a child I would end each Halloween night at a neighbor's house where there were all kinds of cookies, cakes, candy and assorted other snacks. As soon I arrived, my mask

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was off for the rest of the night.

This was just another reminder to me how times have changed. Maybe the cartoonist Charles Schulz had it right. We should all be like Linus find "the most sincere" pumpkin patch and wait for "The Great Pumpkin" to arrive.



Community Middle conducts play

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Community Middle School Theatre will present the second night of its fall production, "Scared Silly," today, Nov. 5, at the school's auditorium. The performance is at 7:00 p.m.

The community is invited out to this fun take on Halloween performance. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The play, based on short stories, is by Peter Bloedel, Jonathan More, Patrick Greene, Alan Haehnel, Tan McWethy, Becca Schlossberg and David Zolidis. (The students are presenting the play with special permission by Playscripts Inc.)

So, what happens when a slasher/movie junkie tries to track down a killer? Keep your Halloween on just a bit longer. Come and see for yourself over at Community Middle, tonight.

Don't get scared, now.

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SOUP KITCHEN LOVES ITS VOLUNTEERS

SCSK fundraiser, Nov. 6

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen will have a fundraising lunch for the community on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its location, 336 Cannon Blvd. SCSK board members will serve.

The holiday-style menu will include chicken and dressing, mac and cheese, turnip greens, sweet potato casserole, green beans and more.

Rolls, drink and dessert come with the holiday-fashioned meal, according to Robert Martin, SCSK food supervisor.

Carry out meals will be available.

While there is no charge for the meal, organizers suggest that \$20 is comparable to such a meal and a tip at an average restaurant. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted if anyone wants to make a donation to SCSK.

The soup kitchen serves meals to those in need on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 South Cannon Blvd. Winter hours are 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.



SCSK Photo
Angie Craft-Warren is just one of many volunteers helping out at Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen on South Cannon Boulevard. Just like Angie, those giving their time often bring smiles that help warm the hearts of many hurting and in need. The soup kitchen serves warm meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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New approach needed for College Football Playoff



Chris Siers
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For years, the College Football Playoff Committee has been less of a true playoff format and has been more of an “invitational” for those who bear the correct football logo and who plays in the right conference.

If there has ever been a field of top 10 football teams that scream for an expanded, true playoff format, it’s the teams in the top 10 of the first playoff ranking.

There’s no question, Tennessee has earned its No. 1 overall ranking.

Ohio State, Georgia, Clemson and Michigan followed in respective order and all sit unbeaten.

Where the brand bias comes into play is once again, with Alabama.

Granted, the No. 6 Crimson Tide’s only loss is to No. 1 Tennessee, but TCU remains unbeaten at 8-0 and sits firmly behind Alabama.

Why? How many ranked wins does Alabama have? TCU sits firmly with wins against four ranked AP opponents (the same as Tennessee).

If this logic were applied in the final college football rankings of the year, and it has in the past, TCU would be on the outside looking in because Alabama plays in the SEC and currently has a “quality loss”, which the committee views more highly than the same number of wins against ranked opponents.

The issue is the apparent eye test and I’ve written on this topic many, many times.

Here’s a scenario—what happens if Tennessee beats Georgia on Saturday, yet loses to Alabama in the SEC championship?

All three teams would likely finish with one loss.

The narrative has already started on College Gameday Live to start preparing for three SEC teams in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, you would have to pick between a one-loss Michigan or Ohio State, a possible unbeaten TCU and a one-loss Pac-12



Volunteer quarterback Hendon Hooker has led Tennessee to a No. 1 ranking in the first College Football Playoff ranking of the year.

AP Photo/Wade Payne

team.

The simple fact is, the playoff expansion needs to happen sooner than later.

The top-tier of college football teams appears to be getting a little more crowded at the top of the ladder and it seems wholly unfair the same criteria isn’t applied to all evenly.

There’s still plenty of football to be played, and a lot of these scenarios

could certainly change in a month’s time.

But with as good as Alabama, Clemson and Georgia have been in the playoffs, as good as Ohio State and Michigan have dominated the BigTen, and as impressive as TCU has been this year, along with the emergence of USC under Lincoln Riley, UCLA under Chip Kelly and Oregon has been under

Dan Lanning, there’s absolutely no reason to argue for keeping the four-team “invitational.”

As it sits, college football has way too many bowls that nobody cares about. Fan attendance is in the tank for a lot of the 6-6 or 5-7 teams that get bowl bids, and players opt out to avoid injury.

Expanding the playoffs not only expands deserving

teams’ chances at a national championship, but it also gives meaning to more bowls.

Earlier this year, the CFP board of managers voted to expand the playoff field to 12 teams by 2026, but the word is apparently out as college presidents are urging for expansion to hit Division I football as early as 2024.

In either case, it needs to

happen sooner than later.

After the Cinderella run Tennessee has orchestrated under Josh Heupel, it would be a shame to see the Volunteers left out of the big dance on a count of brand bias in favor of the usual suspects.

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Georgia, Vols gear up for No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

Tennessee’s rise this season has set the table for one of the best treats in college football: No. 1 vs. 2.

By climbing into a tie with Ohio State, the Volunteers will play No. 1 Georgia on Saturday in just the 25th regular-season meeting between the top two teams in the AP Top 25. It will be the first 1-vs.-2 matchup since LSU beat Alabama in 2019 on the way to the national championship.

The Vols won seven games last season, started this season unranked and picked to finish third in the SEC East. Tennessee (8-0, 4-0 SEC) has since turned into the story of the season, piling up a long list of wins against teams ranked at the time: No. 17 Pittsburgh, No. 20 Florida, No. 25 LSU, No. 3 Alabama and No. 19 Kentucky.

The Vols are off to their best start since 1998, when they won their last national championship, and have their highest ranking since 2001. Their resume was good enough to earn the Vols the top spot in the first College Football Playoff rankings, ahead of Ohio State, Georgia and Clemson.

Waiting between the hedges will be the Bulldogs (8-0, 5-0), who have truly been tested just once this season, a 26-22 win over Missouri, and are coming off a 42-20 win over Florida.

This is one of those games you don’t want to miss.

What to Watch rundown for this week of college football, presented by Regions Bank:

Best game

No. 6 Alabama at No. 15 LSU

The Crimson Tide is very much in the thick of the CFP race despite losing to Tennessee, opening at No. 6 in the initial playoff rankings. Alabama (7-1, 4-1 SEC) bounced back from its only loss with a 30-6 win over Mississippi State last week and has won 10 of 11 against LSU, the lone loss coming in 2019.

LSU (6-2, 4-1, No. 10 CFP) bounced back from the loss to Tennessee by outlasting Florida and took down then-No. 7 Ole Miss 45-20 before a weekend off. Both teams are tied atop the SEC West with No. 11 Mississippi, which has a loss to LSU and hosts Alabama on Nov. 12.

Heisman watch

Hendon Hooker, Tennessee

Hooker may have moved into frontrunner status for the Heisman Trophy after throwing for 245 yards

and accounting for four touchdowns in the win over Kentucky. Hooker has thrown for 2,338 yards and 21 touchdowns with one interception while completing 71.2% of his passes, which is 10th in the FBS.

Lead Tennessee to a win over Georgia and Hooker could make a huge impression on Heisman voters.

Numbers to know

5 — Straight games with 100 yards rushing by Zach Charbonnet, the best stretch by a UCLA running back in 20 years.

9 — Years since No. 24 Oregon State had been ranked before moving into this week’s poll.

29 — Passing touchdowns for Ohio State’s C.J. Stroud and North Carolina’s Drake Maye, best in the FBS.

336.8 — Yards rushing

per game by Air Force, best in the nation.

Under the radar

No. 20 Wake Forest at No. 21 North Carolina State.

The Demon Deacons (6-2, 2-2 ACC, No. 21 CFP) moved up to No. 10 in the AP Top 25 two weeks ago, their only loss to that point in double overtime to Clemson.

Last week’s 48-21 loss to Louisville hurt. Wake Forest had six turnovers in the third quarter, most in a quarter by an FBS team since 2010, and eight overall to plummet down the rankings.

NC State (6-2, 2-2, No. 22 CFP) has lost to Clemson and to No. 22 Syracuse. The Wolfpack learned before that game quarterback Devin Leary was out for the season and revamped their offense during the off week.

NC State needed some

time to adjust to the new offense against Virginia Tech last week, but rallied from an 18-point deficit to win 22-21.

Hot seat

Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M.

The losses keep coming for Fisher and the Aggies.

Texas A&M already had a home loss to Appalachian State this season and has now lost four straight with last Saturday’s 31-28 setback against Ole Miss. A team that started the season at No. 6 in the preseason poll is now 3-5 and a woeful 1-4 in the SEC.

Fisher has a guaranteed 10-year, \$75 million deal that he signed in 2017, so it’s going to take some deep pockets for Texas A&M to pull the trigger. That would seem to make him safe, but wealthy boosters may step in and say they’ve had enough.

Punting legend dies

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Ray Guy, the first punter to make the Pro Football Hall of Fame, died Thursday. He was 72.

Southern Mississippi, where Guy starred before becoming the first punter ever taken in the first round of the NFL draft, said he died following a lengthy illness. He had been receiving care in a Hattiesburg-area hospice.

Guy was drafted 23rd overall by Al Davis' Raiders in 1973 and played his entire 14-year career with the team. He was a three-time All-Pro selection. In 2014, he became the first player to make be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame exclusively for his punting.

"Ray Guy was a football player who punted," the late John Madden said in 2014 before he presented Guy for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Guy was selected to the NFL's 75th anniversary team and the 1970's all-decade team. He was a three-time Super Bowl champion and seven-time Pro Bowl selection.

Madden said the first time he watched Guy punt in practice for the Raiders, he knew the team had something special.

"He punted the longest, highest footballs that I had ever seen," Madden said then.

A native of Thomson, Georgia, William Ray Guy is also a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

At Southern Mississippi, Guy also played defensive back. He still shares the school single-season record for most interceptions with eight in 1972 and his 61-yard field goal at Utah State set an NCAA record at the time.

In 2015, Southern Miss renamed the street outside The Duff Athletic Center on its campus "Ray Guy Way."

Tannehill: Ankle pain biggest challenge

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — How Ryan Tannehill can tolerate the pain in his sprained right ankle will determine if the Tennessee quarterback misses a second straight game or is back in the lineup Sunday night when the Titans visit Kansas City.

"The pain is going to be there," Tannehill said Wednesday. "That is just kind of where we're at with it. Unfortunately, with the nature of the injury it kind of is there. It is just a matter of if I can do my job or if I can't."

Tannehill said part of trying to get himself ready is working back slowly after having a weekend off.

The quarterback is continuing to get treatment and the Titans are monitoring his progress daily to see how he can move around. He has to be able to protect himself by moving around in the pocket.

Missing last week's 17-10 win in Houston wasn't easy for the 11-year veteran who snapped a 49-game streak for Tennessee. Tannehill said it was surreal and weird watching his teammates play on TV without him.

"It didn't feel right at all," Tannehill said. "My kids were asking, 'Why are you yelling at the TV? You don't usually yell when you watch football.' I was like, 'Yeah well, this one means a little bit more.' It was not a good feeling and not something I want to make a habit of, that is for sure."

Tannehill talked to reporters with his ankle heavily taped after a walk-through, and the Titans (5-2) listed the quarterback as limited even though he was not on the field during the portion open to reporters.

"We will see how it goes as he continues to work through preparation and see how he feels," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said before practice.

Tannehill wasn't the only one on an injury report featuring 10 Titans. Two-time NFL rushing champ Derrick Henry, whose 32 carries in the win over Houston was the most by a running back in a game this season, was limited by a foot injury. A broken right foot hurt Oct. 31 cost Henry nine games last season.

Defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons (left ankle) was among four Titans who sat out practice. Outside linebacker Rashad Weaver (back) practiced fully after missing last week's victory.

With Tannehill staying in Nashville, rookie Malik Willis threw only 13 passes for 55 yards in his NFL debut while being sacked three times. Chiefs coach Andy Reid said they will prepare for both quarterbacks and called Willis an exciting player.

"Even though he's young, he's thrown a ton of balls in his time," Reid said. We know about the ability to run, and he comes up last week and does a nice job. We'll be ready for both of them."

Tannehill said he told Willis he was proud of the rookie and could tell how Willis was learning on the job. Tannehill lost his NFL debut with Miami — in Houston as well — despite throwing for 219 yards because he was picked off three times and sacked twice in September 2012.

"I am proud of him and the way he battled through and found a way to win," Tannehill said.

Notes

The Titans opened the 21-day practice window for CB Elijah Molden for a possible return from injured reserve. Molden was placed on injured reserve Sept. 9 and is hoping to be activated so he can play Sunday night.



Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill says the biggest challenge with his ankle injury isn't mobility or structural damage, but dealing with the pain.

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Vols-Georgia, 'Bama-LSU highlight SEC play

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

A look at Week 10 in the Southeastern Conference:

Game of the week

No. 2 Tennessee (8-0, 4-0; CFP No. 1) visits No. 1 Georgia (8-0, 5-0 SEC; CFP No. 3)

The Volunteers and QB Hendon Hooker have their latest massive matchup to navigate between the hedges. The winner has the inside track to the SEC East title and a spot in the College Football Playoff. Tennessee snapped a 15-game losing streak to then-No. 1 Alabama three games ago. Now, the Vols look first win over the Bulldogs since 2016. Georgia will be without one of its defensive leaders in outside linebacker Nolan Smith

(injury). That could make it more difficult to slow down Hooker the Vols' remarkable offense.

Best matchup

No. 6 Alabama (7-1, 4-1; CFP No. 6) at No. 15 LSU (6-2, 4-1; CFP No. 10)

It's hard to imagine Alabama-LSU as a side dish to Tennessee-Georgia. Still, the SEC West showdown is almost every bit as important. Brian Kelly's Tigers could get the edge over perennial power Crimson Tide — along with likely knocking a potential two-loss Alabama out of the CFP picture. LSU has already defeated No. 11 Mississippi, the other of the West's one-loss teams, and would control its own path to the SEC championship game next month.



Impact player

LSU QB Jayden Daniels. The transfer from Arizona State is an under-the-radar performer in the SEC this season. Daniels is fifth in SEC total offense at 292 yards per game. In LSU's win over top-10 Ole Miss, he threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 121 yards and three scores.

Inside the numbers

Florida is averaging 5.9 yards per carry, the third most in the Football Bowl Subdivision. ... Kentucky has had catches from 16 different receivers this season, tied for the fifth highest total in the country. ... Arkansas is facing No. 23 Liberty after opening the season with a 31-24 win over No. 23 Cincinnati. It's the first time the Razorbacks have faced two ranked non-conference opponents. ... Mississippi State cornerback Emmanuel Forbes leads the SEC with five interceptions and 11 passes defended. ... South Carolina is seeking its second SEC road win for the first time since 2018. It hasn't had consecutive road wins since 2012 when Steve Spurrier

was coach. ... Alabama is 13-5 in games coming off a bye week.

Upset alert

South Carolina (5-3, 2-3) at Vanderbilt (3-5, 0-4)
The Gamecocks weren't ready for their first game as a ranked team last week, falling behind Missouri 17-0 at home early on the way to a demoralizing 23-10 loss. South Carolina quarterback Spencer Rattler said afterwards that he wasn't sure the team was ready for the Missouri defense. That could spell more problems ahead on the road where Vanderbilt is looking to end its 25-game SEC losing streak and break second-year coach Clark Lea's 0-12 showing so far in league games.

Silver wants apology for Irving tweet

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver wants an apology and Kyrie Irving still isn't going to give one.

Shortly after Silver said Irving "made a reckless decision" by tweeting out a link to a film containing antisemitic material last week, the Brooklyn Nets guard again stopped short of saying he was sorry for doing so.

Irving said some things in "Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America" were untrue, but he didn't say he shouldn't have posted a link to it.

"I'm not the one who made the documentary," Irving said after the Nets practiced Thursday.

Irving again said he meant no harm in posting the tweet — which he has since deleted — but didn't apologize for doing so and instead asked reporters why they weren't asking questions about the history of Blacks in America, saying 300 million of his ancestors are buried in the country.

"Where were you guys asking those same questions when I was a kid learning about the traumatic events of my familial history and what I'm proud to come from," Irving said, "and proud to stand here and why when I repeat myself that I'm not going to stand down, it has nothing to do with dismissing any other race or group people.

"I'm just proud of my heritage and what we've been through and the fact that this has pinned me against the Jewish community and I'm here answering questions of whether or not I'm sorry or not about something I didn't create and was something I shared, and I'm telling everybody I'm taking responsibility, than that's where I sit."

Silver's comments were the second statement the league office has issued on the latest Irving controversy, and the first in which Irving was referenced by name.

Irving and the Nets announced Wednesday, in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League, that each would be donating \$500,000 to anti-hate causes. But Silver felt Irving needed to go further.

"While we appreciate the fact that he agreed to work with the Brooklyn Nets and the Anti-Defamation League to combat antisemitism and other forms of discrimination, I am disappointed that he has not offered an unqualified apology and more specifically denounced the vile and harmful content contained in the film he chose to publicize," the commissioner said.

Silver added that he will be meeting with Irving in person within the next week. The league's first statement, clearly in reference to Irving's tweet, said "hate speech of any kind is unacceptable and runs counter to the NBA's values of equality, inclusion and respect."

The National Basketball Players Association also put out a statement this week echoing the NBA's original comments. The NBPA also did not mention Irving by name; Irving is a vice president of the union and a member of its executive committee.

Asked what in the film he disagreed with, Irving responded: "I think some of the criticism of the Jewish faith and the community for sure. Some points made in there that were unfortunate."

During his first comments since a combative press conference Saturday in which he defended his right to post, Irving was asked specifically about his beliefs regarding the Holocaust.

"Those falsehoods are unfortunate," Irving said, referring to content in the film. "And it's not that I don't believe in the Holocaust. I never said that. Never, ever have said it. It's not come out of my mouth. I never tweeted it. I never liked anything like it. So the Holocaust in itself is an event that means something to a large group of people that suffered something that could have been avoided."

He was finally asked if he had any antisemitic beliefs. "I cannot be antisemitic if I know where I come from," Irving said.

Irving didn't say if he had taken part in the meetings between his representatives, the Nets and the ADL. He added that he isn't afraid to continue speaking about his beliefs.

"So I take my full responsibility again, I repeat it, for posting something on my Instagram or Twitter that may have had some unfortunate falsehoods in it," Irving said. "But I also am a human being that's 30 years old and I've been growing up in a country that's told me that I wasn't worth anything and I come from a slave class and I come from a people that are meant to be treated the way we've been treated every day.

"So I'm not here to compare anyone's atrocities or tragic events that their families have dealt with, generations of time. I'm just here to continue to expose things that our world continues to put in darkness. I'm a light, I'm a beacon of light. It's what I'm here to do."

SEC schools aim to make conference, CFP cases

By GARY B. GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

November is when statements for the league championship and beyond are made, and several Southeastern Conference teams are part of the discussion.

Fittingly, the season's final month commences this weekend with a pair of consequential matchups that could determine participants in next month's SEC title game in Atlanta and how many represent the league in the four-team College Football Playoff.

Most of the attention Saturday will be on Athens, Georgia, where the top-ranked Bulldogs (8-0, 5-0 SEC) host No. 2 Tennessee (8-0, 4-0) in a marquee showdown likely to determine the East Division winner. For additional intrigue, the visiting Volunteers sit atop the initial CFP rankings, two spots ahead of Georgia.

The defending national champion Bulldogs have been in this situation many times, and coach Kirby Smart sees being at home as the only difference.

"Every game is a big game, to be honest with you, in the SEC," Smart said this week. "So, it's not like some guys go into it thinking of it differently. But I do think playing at home is important and certainly an advantage in our conference."

Resurgent No. 15 LSU (No. 10 CFP) welcomes Alabama (No. 6 AP and CFP) in a matchup between two of three teams tied atop the West Division at 4-1 in league play. It's the first of consecutive challenges for the Crimson Tide (7-1), who also visit Mississippi (No. 11 AP and CFP)

next week.

While navigating the SEC and CFP landscape are fall rituals for Alabama, the Tigers' presence this season is a bit of a surprise on both fronts. Certainly, improvement was expected under first-year coach Brian Kelly after a tumultuous 6-7 season. But LSU has transformed into a serious division contender looking to add another signature win after routing Ole Miss last month.

"By and large, we know our strengths and weaknesses," Kelly said, "and now it's about putting your kids in a good position where they can play fast and free and physical and be the best version of themselves going into November."

The Rebels (8-1, 4-1) have a bye week before facing Alabama in search of their first series win since 2015. On the outside of the CFP looking in following the LSU loss, their focus is on keeping perspective against the Tide to maintain divisional hopes.

"Treat it like any other game," Ole Miss wide receiver Jonathan Mingo said of playing Alabama. "Just try to go 1-0. Just trying to put ourselves in the best position to win. That's enough motivation in itself."

While winning is the only thing that matters to coaches, they're mindful that level of competition and margin of victory are taken into consideration. Tennessee's high-scoring offense led by quarterback Hendon Hooker has helped check off both boxes with wins over then-No. 25 LSU (40-13) and third-ranked Alabama (52-49). Last week's 44-6 thumping of then-No. 19 Kentucky likely boosted the Vols to the top of

the CFP rankings.

As Tennessee prepares to take on Georgia, Vols coach Josh Heupel draws satisfaction in being able to vanquish the challenge at hand.

"To be honest, I don't think about that at all," the second-year coach said of the victory-margin aspect. "Certainly in this league, every single week you're facing someone that's extremely talented, well coached and puts the best team on the field each Saturday."

It is possible that multiple SEC teams will still be on the playoff radar at month's end. Georgia and Alabama made it last year.

Alabama faces the toughest path initially before closing against Austin Peay and rival Auburn in the Iron Bowl. Georgia — which this week lost outside linebacker Nolan Smith for the season with a torn pectoral muscle — must clear unranked Mississippi State and struggling Kentucky before closing against in-state rival Georgia Tech.

Tennessee closes with two of its final three on the road at South Carolina and Vanderbilt after hosting Missouri next week. All three will no doubt look to spoil the Vols' title quest, but players believe sticking to the plan that has thrived so far will ultimately help them.

"I think we finally know our identity as far as who we are," junior receiver Jalin Hyatt said, "and that's one of the biggest things that I felt this year that we changed from last year, just knowing who we are."

"You can see the confidence in all the guys. I think we know where we want to go and where we're headed."

Louisville escapes major NCAA sanctions

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — After five agonizing years, Louisville finally gets to look forward.

An independent panel placed the Cardinals' basketball program on two years of probation and fined it \$5,000, but spared the school major penalties from NCAA allegations leveled in the aftermath of a federal investigation into corruption in college basketball.

The Independent Accountability Resolution Process (IARP) also declined on Thursday to penalize former Cardinals coach Rick Pitino, whom the NCAA initially cited for failure to promote an atmosphere of compliance. Chris Mack, Pitino's successor who was fired in January, also was not penalized for additional allegations announced last year by the NCAA.

"The panel views this decision as exonerating both coaches," IARP chief panel member David Benck said in a conference call with reporters.

Pitino, now the coach at Iona, thanked the IARP for its fairness and reiterated his adherence to the rules.

"So, do I feel vindicated? It's not really that important anymore because it's been five years," Pitino said in a conference call.

Former Cardinals assistant coach Jordan Fair and associate head coach Kenny Johnson, now a Rhode Island assistant, received two-year show-cause orders for Level I violations. The IARP concluded that Fair "was knowingly involved" in arranging

a cash payment in exchange for a player enrolling at Louisville.

The IARP, created to decide complex cases, also restricted Louisville's recruiting visits for this academic year and issued a public reprimand.

"We were hopeful of a successful outcome through this process, and that's what we received," Cardinals athletic director Josh Heird said in a news conference with Louisville's acting president, Lori Gonzalez.

The IARP was created out of proposals from a commission led by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in 2018 to reform college basketball. The panel's decision cannot be appealed.

The NCAA in May 2020 accused Louisville of committing a Level I violation for an improper recruiting offer and several Level II violations. Pitino was accused of failing to promote an atmosphere of compliance — an accusation the IARP concluded was unfounded.

The NCAA case followed a federal investigation announced in September 2017 that involved numerous college basketball programs accused of giving illicit cash to recruits. The school acknowledged it was the subject of allegations related to the recruitment of Brian Bowen II.

Louisville had previously been placed on NCAA probation because of a sex scandal. Thursday's decision by the IARP put the latest disciplinary matter to rest for a school that has

endured several scandals since 2015.

"The panel felt that the institution and the coach were hypersensitive on compliance issues coming right on the heels of the prior case," Benck said.

The IARP also recently announced minor sanctions against Memphis in a similar case, signaling that the era of harsh NCAA penalties may be coming to an end with college athletes now allowed to make money off their name, image and likeness. Kansas is still under investigation by the IARP as a result of the federal probe, and this week it self-imposed a four-game suspension on coach Bill Self while reiterating the program's commitment to the Hall of Famer.

In the Louisville case, federal prosecutors alleged that Adidas representatives funneled \$125,000 to a recruit's family to get him to attend the school. Pitino was not named in the federal complaint and repeatedly denied authorizing or knowing of any payment to a recruit.

Benck also rejected NCAA allegations that Adidas, as Louisville's sportswear partner, was acting on behalf of the school's athletic interests.

"It was our interpretation that it was merely their own brand promotion," Benck said. "On top of that, the institution never requested any assistance with recruiting in our opinion, had no knowledge of any assistance that the apparel company provided."

NCAA allows college hoops to play on Election Day

By DOUG FEINBERG
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The NCAA is allowing teams to play and practice on Election Day after making it a mandatory off day the past two years to allow athletes to participate in civic engagement.

The move came on the recommendation of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which called for allowing athletes who are in season to have activities on Election Day if they are provided another day off in the 15 days before or after that date for civic engagement opportunities.

“We had these discussions to give athletes the most flexibility as possible,” said Wake Forest basketball player Olivia Summiel, who is on the SAAC. “Civic engagement isn’t just going to vote. It’s getting involved in your community. Definitely laying out different ways of what can we do to fulfill this. It leaves teams flexibility to fill that void.”

The amended rule was passed in June. Many athletes use absentee ballots.

There are 11 men’s basketball games next Tuesday, including No. 8 UCLA hosting Sacramento State. There are also 10 women’s

games, including a marquee matchup of No. 5 Tennessee visiting No. 14 Ohio State.

“Much of it had to do with availability here and what worked for both us and Tennessee,” Ohio State coach Kevin McGuff said. “Ours is a later game (8:30 p.m. tip) so it gives people plenty of time to do their civic duty and vote.”

The first day for teams to officially start playing games is Monday. No. 11 Indiana is also playing on Tuesday because the men’s team is playing on Monday and the school doesn’t do doubleheaders with the two

teams. The Hoosiers used Oct. 27 as their civic engagement day.

Wake Forest is playing on Monday. Summiel said her team had a variety of civic engagement activities planned over the next week.

“We are discussing participating in a march to the polls event,” Summiel said. “The team will march from our athletic facilities to the church across the street where they hold registration to vote. We want to take it on as a team and gather people within campus on our way there to get people registered there.”

Summiel also said the athletic

department is having a speaker that night on campus for all the teams.

While there are nearly two dozen college basketball games next Tuesday, the NBA is taking the night off after every team plays the night before. The NBA is hoping teams use that night as an opportunity to encourage fans to get out and vote, plus amplify the need for civic engagement.

There are 11 NHL games on election night, including three in Canada. There are also three college football games being played that night.



AP Photo/Jed Jacobsohn

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) smiles after the Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers in an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022.

Titans visit Chiefs in AFC heavyweight showdown

By DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Patrick Mahomes rarely says the wrong thing when he stands at the podium. He is poised and polished, in victory or defeat, and has carried himself in that professional manner since he joined the Kansas City Chiefs.

So it speaks volumes of the lasting impression that the Titans’ 27-3 rout of the Chiefs last season had on him when the Pro Bowl quarterback was asked about it this week: “We weren’t ready,” Mahomes replied, “and they beat our (butt).”

Only he used a three-letter word for derriere rather than a four-letter one.

That’s about as close as you’ll get to Mahomes cursing in public.

“They have that mentality that they’re going to come in and win,” Mahomes continued, by way of an explanation, “and a lot of times in this league, when you don’t have the confidence coming

in, you’re going to lose. But when you have a team that is as confident as you, it’s going to be a battle.”

The Titans (5-2) have every reason to be confident as they visit Kansas City (5-2) for a Sunday night showdown between divisional leaders. They’ve won five of the past six in the series, including a wildcard playoff game, though the one defeat happened to come in the AFC championship game and sent the Chiefs to the Super Bowl.

In any case, the Titans also roll into Arrowhead Stadium having won five straight after an 0-2 start.

“It’s tough. It’s a fun place to play. It’s an atmosphere that you dream about when you’re a kid, going into a rowdy road environment. That is exactly it,” said Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who hopes to return after missing last week’s win over Houston with an ankle injury. “They love football. They’re loud. They’re into it the whole game.”

There are plenty of familiar faces from the last time the teams met in Kansas City for that AFC title game; Mahomes and Tannehill are two of them. Another is Titans running back Derrick Henry, who just gashed the Texans for 219 yards and two touchdowns last week. He was held to 69 yards rushing by Kansas City on Jan. 19, 2020.

“There are going to be things that you’re going to do to try and stop him. I think the whole NFL has tried that somewhere,” said Chiefs coach Andy Reid, who is 20-3 when his teams are coming off a bye. “He’s a great player, and you’re not going to stop him on every play. You just want to get the numbers up where it’s a reasonable number of stops.”

The Chiefs did that pretty well last year, too, holding Henry to 86 yards rushing.

It didn’t matter. They still lost in a blowout in Nashville that Mahomes and Co. remember to this

day.

“You watch that on film and see how you played, it wasn’t just them beating us,” Mahomes said. “We played bad and they just put it down on us at the end of the day. We have to understand they’re going to be ready to go.”

Where there’s a Will(is), there’s a way

If Tannehill isn’t available, the Titans would start third-round pick Malik Willis for the second straight game. Willis was 6 of 10 for 55 yards with an interception last week against the Texans.

Toney, Toney, Toney

The Chiefs sent third- and sixth-round picks to the Giants last week for Kadarius Toney, a former first-round pick who had struggled to stay healthy in New York. Toney not only gives the Chiefs a potential game-breaking playmaker at wide receiver, he also can

help out in the punt return game, where rookie Skyy Moore has struggled with muffed punts.

“It feels good to be wanted by a team,” said Toney, who has recovered from a pair of hamstring injuries. “I felt like this was a great opportunity for everybody. Fresh start for me, step into the AFC and show what I can do over here.”

Carlos in charge

The Chiefs will be playing the first of two games without defensive end Frank Clark, who was suspended for violating the NFL’s personal conduct policy. That could mean more pass-rushing opportunities for Carlos Dunlap, who has two sacks this season and needs two more to reach 100 for his career.

“I’ve had a couple games now with a chance for it,” Dunlap said. “Want to get that done so I can get over that hump.”

Welcome back, rookie

Chiefs cornerback Trent McDuffie should play for the first time since hurting his hamstring in the opener in Arizona. The first-round pick could have played the past two games, but Kansas City opted to play it safe and wait out the bye week.

Remember this in January

The Titans and Chiefs are tied for the second-best record in the AFC behind the Bills, who have beaten them both. That means the game could have playoff implications, such as where the teams would play if they meet again.

“I just focus on ways that we think we can beat the Chiefs and how we can prepare. All that stuff really takes care of itself,” Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. “The preparation, how we get ready and how we ultimately play, not what could be or what might happen down the road.”

Royals bench coach Grifol is new White Sox manager

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CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox say they have hired Kansas City Royals bench coach Pedro Grifol to replace Hall of Famer Tony La Russa as their manager.

The White Sox announced the move Thursday after Grifol agreed to take the job

earlier in the week.

General manager Rick Hahn mentioned in a statement the 52-year-old Grifol’s experience in a variety of coaching and scouting roles at the major and minor league levels. He also cited the fact that Grifol is bilingual and called him a “modern baseball thinker.”

“He is an excellent

communicator and an experienced game planner who brings a high energy and detail-oriented approach to leadership,” Hahn said. “He is committed to building an inclusive and cohesive clubhouse, and we could not be happier to have Pedro leading our club.”

The 52-year-old Grifol will try to lift a team coming

off a disappointing season. The White Sox finished second in the AL Central at 81-81 and missed the playoffs after running away with the division in 2021. La Russa missed the final 34 games because of health problems and announced he would not return, ending a disappointing two-year run with the franchise that gave him his first job as a

big league skipper.

Grifol spent the past 10 seasons in a variety of coaching roles with Kansas City under former managers Ned Yost and Mike Matheny. He was part of teams that captured back-to-back pennants and won the World Series in 2015.

Grifol spent the past three seasons as the

Royals bench coach. He interviewed for the managing job after Matheny was fired as part of a widespread shakeup within the organization after a 65-97 finish — Kansas City’s sixth straight losing season. The Royals hired Tampa Bay Rays bench coach Matt Quattrone as manager on Sunday night.

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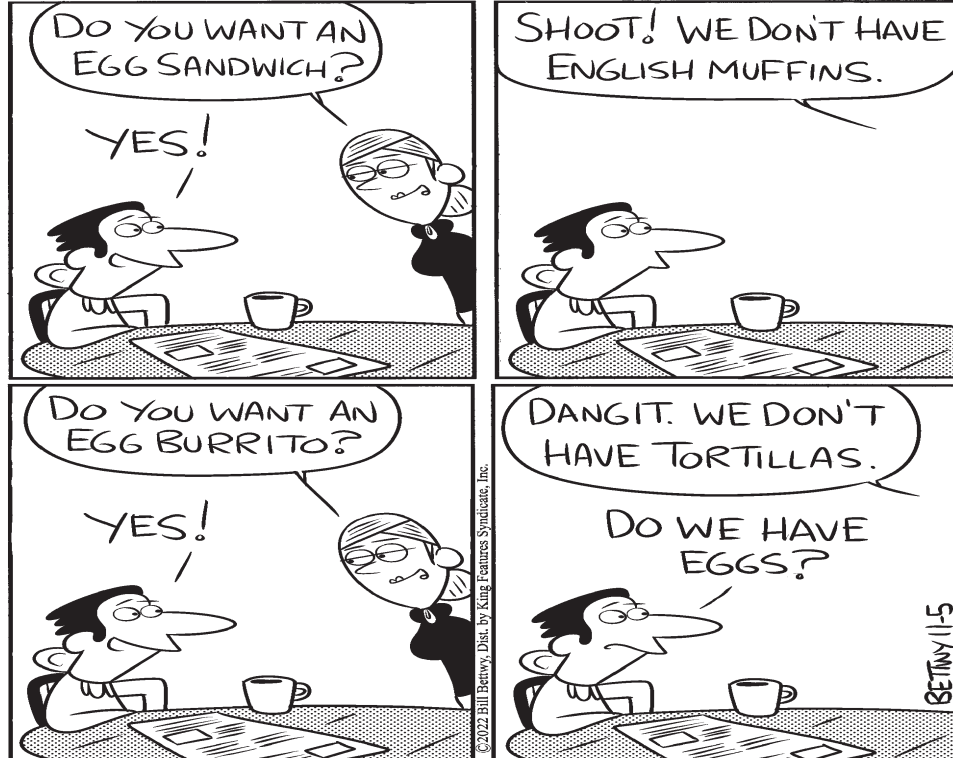


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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to November.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 18 = A)

A. **26 18 12**
Clue: Adult male human being

B. **16 25 18 19 11 16**
Clue: Well-being

C. **18 5 18 3 25 12 25 15 15**
Clue: Cogizance

D. **15 10 24 24 2 3 11**
Clue: Assistance

Answers: A. man B. health C. awareness D. support

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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ANSWER:



Beautiful scenes from Tims Ford Lake

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

While some of the normal crowds have lessened, Tims Ford State Park is a wonder to see this time of year. The recent rains have created some spectacular foliage colors. People have opted for more serene boating now, like this sail boat seen Saturday.





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